

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Industries' Need

THE report of the Committee appointed to investigate the dual subjects of technical education and vocational training in Hongkong is so comprehensive and contains such a mass of data as to almost baffle the reader. But the value of this monumental document cannot be questioned and the Committee fully earns the tribute which it received from the Hon. R. B. Black at this week's Legislative Council. Because the recommendations involve long-term official policy it is unlikely that all can or will receive Government's approval for immediate implementation. Clearly some of the proposals are more appealing and more urgent than others. Government's task will be to select the most appropriate recommendations for setting in motion the scheme for improving locally-trained skilled workers. It would appear desirable that emphasis be placed on special training facilities for recruits to Hongkong's growing industries, and in this connection general approval can be expected for the recommendations of apprenticeship indentures, and courses in applied arts and industrial design as well as construction engineering and textile manufacturing.

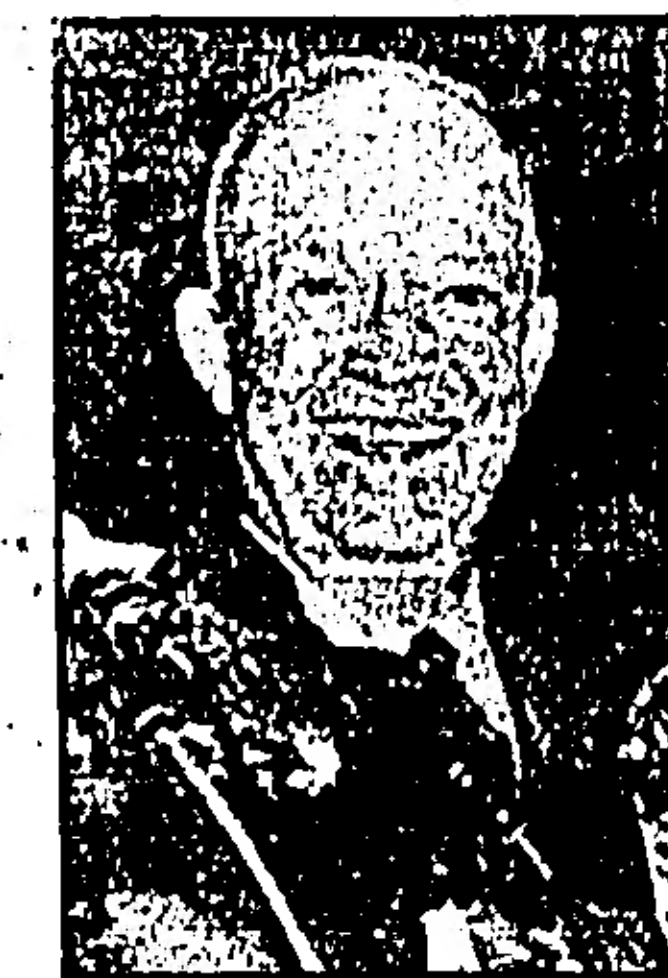
THE promotion of the highest possible standard of craftsmanship and finished workmanship in the manufacture of Hongkong products has long been urged by traders here and elsewhere. Undoubtedly steady progress has been made in this direction since the war, but there is still room for considerable improvement. Hongkong's light industries are here to stay; in fact they will continue to expand. And they will require properly trained and skilled local labour to keep them operating. This, we suggest, must be given the full weight of official consideration when it comes to deciding which of the Committee's recommendations shall be made effective. Every encouragement needs to be given to young students to decide on their vocation and then to offer them the necessary training facilities. This particularly applies where youths show interest in productive industries. Competitive industry today makes exacting demands in the way of technology and craftsmanship and they are demands which our local industries have to meet and satisfy if they are to succeed.

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Reply To Russian Note Tops List BASIC PURPOSES OF CONFERENCE

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 4.

The "Big Three" have agreed in advance to make the latest Soviet note favouring a Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting the first topic for discussion at the Bermuda conference opening here today, it was learned authoritatively.

Already installed in the heavily-guarded conference headquarters in the Mid Ocean Club, the British Prime Minister, Sir Wins on Churchill, and the French Prime Minister, M. Joseph Laniel, will today greet President Eisenhower when he arrives for the long delayed Big Three conference.

Until late next Monday, heads of government assisted by Foreign Ministers and other advisers will confer almost continuously in formal sessions and informal meal-time meetings on problems of the free world and its relations or lack of relations with the Communist powers.

The basic purposes of the conference, as outlined by spokesmen for the three powers, are four-fold:

1. To assure the Soviet leaders of the West's peaceful intentions.
2. To explore the "if, when and how" of direct contacts between the Western leaders and the Malenkov regime.
3. To strengthen material defences against present and potential Communist aggression in the Far East and Europe.
4. To remove existing and potential causes of friction and disunity between the Western powers themselves and between their Allies.

Preparing to "negotiate from strength," the Western leaders will make a broad sweeping review of cold war strategy.

In particular they will have to consider many international disputes now holding up completion of the West's defence system.

IN FOREFRONT

In the forefront of such problems are delays in French ratification of the European Defence Community (EDC) treaty providing for a European Army, including Germans.

Next come such disputes as those between France and Germany over the Saar and between Italy and Yugoslavia of Trieste, which delay the integration of Western and Southern European defences.

Thirdly, there is the series of controversies between Britain and Egypt, India and Pakistan and the Arabs and Israel, now impeding the building up of the Middle Eastern sector of the defence perimeter.

Agreement by the Big Three on the terms of a reply to the Soviet note is expected to provide the first concrete result of the Bermuda conference, though the Western notes will probably not be dispatched from their home capitals until after the conference has closed. Advance predictions from all delegations are that the Western Soviet Foreign Minister early in 1954.

Terms of the reply will be of considerable tactical importance in determining the positions from which the Western powers will negotiate.

The United States wants it made clear that the initial Western proposal, now accepted by the Soviet Union, was primarily for a conference to discuss the German and Austrian questions which the Americans say must therefore be given priority on the agenda.

ADENAUER'S VIEWS

Before the conference is over, the Big Three will have a further communication from Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, outlining his views and suggestions on those parts of the Soviet note relating to Germany.

West Germany is not represented in Bermuda by any observer, official or unofficial, but Dr. Adenauer is being kept informed through normal diplomatic channels.

There have been indications of German impatience recently at delays in implementing the 18-month-old contractual agreement giving virtual sovereignty to Western Germany.

Events in the Far East confront the Big Three with the necessity of co-ordinating and harmonising their policies there in both long and short terms.

They may have to decide in the near future what course to follow:

1. If the current Communist-United Nations Panunijom talks to bring about a Korean political conference break down completely.
2. If recent feelers by Ho Chi-minh result in Indo-Chinese armistice negotiations becoming a practical possibility.
3. If the prisoner of war exchange arrangements in Korea break down.

OVERSHADOWED

The Korean discussions are overshadowed by the possibility that next spring, President Rhee of South Korea may resume the war.

From a long term view point, Western powers have created the problem by their divergent positions on the recognition of Communist China and Chinese representation in the United Nations, though Western leaders have made it clear they will not attempt to reach agreement on this subject here.

Much will depend on Communist tactics regarding the Korean conference.

The Big Three will also have to consider the related question of what attitude to take towards Soviet demands for a Big Five conference including Communist China to seek relaxation of international tensions globally.

The Big Three will also probably agree on a specific measure to strengthen the co-ordination of their anti-Communist resistance in Southeast Asia through closer liaison and planning together with Australia and New Zealand.—Reuter.

WOMEN JURORS FAINT

Leeds, Dec. 3.

Two women members of a jury at a Leeds assize court fainted today, when they heard the judge pass the death sentence on two persons they had just found guilty of murder.

The jury decided after four and a half hours sitting that an Irish couple had murdered their baby.—France-Press.

Summer Time To Start Earlier

London, Dec. 3.

The Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, told the House of Commons today that British summer time would begin eight days earlier than last year and would finish two days later.

Summer time (one hour later than GMT) will therefore begin on April 11, and end on October 2.—France-Press.

Queen Attends A Birthday Party

Aboard the Gothic Dec. 3.

Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh attended a party today for the 54th birthday of Vice-Admiral E. M. C. Abel Smith, Vice-Admiral of the Royal Yachts, on board the Gothic, the Royal Yacht.

A hot sun shined from blue skies and sparkled on the blue ocean waters.

At midday, when the party began in the ship's library, the escort cruiser Sheffield signalled by flag to the Gothic, "Happy birthday."

Lady Pamela Mountbatten, lady-in-waiting to the Queen, gave the Admiral a sailor doll, which he showed proudly to the Royal couple.

After the Queen and the Duke had arrived at the party, a Royal Marine band in the next room played "Happy Birthday" and "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow."

Some guests altered the words to "For He's A Jolly Good Admiral."—Reuter.

Violence On 'Frisco Waterfront

Trade Unionists & Police Clash

San Francisco, Dec. 3.

An enraged mob of some 1,000 American Federation of Labour Maritime unionists clashed in a brief but bloody fight with police riot squad members today on the waterfront here.

The AFL men, members of the Sailors, Marine Firemen and Cooks and Stewards Unions, marched on Pier 39 to "get" rival Long Wing Independent unionists who earlier had beaten up several AFL men.

Their target was a group of about 150 members of Harry Bridges' Seafarers Union and Hugo Bryson's Independent National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards, gathered on the pier to picket the passenger-freighter ss Alcatraz, centre of a jurisdictional fight between the AFL Stewards and NUMCS.

Both sides were armed with clubs, brickbats and bludgeons torn from the wooden railings of the pier.

WALL OF POLICE

All available police officers were rushed to the waterfront. The advancing AFL men reached a wall of police standing between them and their rivals. Policemen pounded skulls with their truncheons to beat back unionists who tried to fight through the police wall. A steady drizzling rain added to the confusion.

At least five union men were hurt in the scuffle, which lasted about six minutes. Six unionists were arrested, including one man who was said to be carrying a loaded and cocked pistol.

A temporary truce was established after Jack Hatten, business manager for the AFL Firemen's Union, conferred with the police captain in charge of the riot squad.

Hatten charged that some 75 AFL Cooks and Stewards were "virtually being held prisoner on the Alcatraz" by the Bryson Union.—United Press.

Life Sentences For War Crimes

Marseilles, Dec. 3.

A French military court tonight sentenced five former German Gestapo officials to penal servitude for life for war crimes.

Five others were given terms of penal servitude varying from five to 15 years and a sixth was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

Four other Gestapo members were sentenced to death in their absence after a 10-day trial.—Reuter.

Japan Wins Her Request

Admission To The International Court Of Justice

New York, Dec. 3.

The United Nations Security Council today recommended acceptance of Japan's request to become a party to the statute of the International Court of Justice.

By a vote of ten in favour, none against, with one abstention (the Soviet Union), the Council approved a report from its committee of experts which listed three conditions for Japan's admission to the Court. The Council's recommendation must now be voted upon by the General Assembly.

The Council recommended that Japan first deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations an instrument accepting the provisions of the Court's statutes, accepting all obligations and agreeing to contribute to the expenses of the Court.

The report of the Committee of experts said that when the committee met on November 29 to consider the Japanese communication, "most representatives expressed support for the application of Japan."

It said the committee decided by ten votes to none, with the Soviet Union abstaining, to adopt a Japanese proposal to advise the Security Council to send the following recommendation to the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

"The Security Council recommends that the General Assembly, in accordance with article 93, paragraph 2, of the Charter, determine the conditions on which Japan may become a party to the statute of the International Court of Justice, as follows:

"(a) acceptance of the provisions of the statute of the International Court of Justice.

"(b) acceptance of all the obligations of a member of the United Nations under article 94 of the Charter, and

"(c) an undertaking to contribute to the expenses of the Court such equitable amount as the General Assembly shall assess from time to time after consultation with the Japanese Government."

NOT A PRECEDENT

The committee of experts said that during the discussion, it was pointed out that the conditions recommended in the case of Japan were not intended to constitute a precedent to be followed in any future case under article 93, paragraph two, of the Charter.

Following the approval of this recommendation, Mr. Alexis Kyrkou, of Greece, the Council President, said he would send it on to the President of the General Assembly.

The entire proceedings lasted only a few minutes and there was no debate.

When Mr. Vyshinsky put up his hand in abstention, there were some laughs from the public gallery. Mr. Kyrkou called on the public to remain silent.—Reuter.

Ex-Diplomat's Death

Cairo, Dec. 3.

Sir Robert Hyde Grog, British diplomat who worked for many years in Cairo and has lived here since his retirement in 1940, died in his home at Giza, a Cairo suburb, today aged 76.

He began his career as a clerk in the Foreign Office in 1908, came to the Embassy here in 1911, and was seconded to the Egyptian Government service from 1917 to 1921, being given charge of the Foreign Ministry. He had also served as British Minister in Bangkok and Bucharat and in the British Embassy in Lisbon.—Reuter.

Persia Asks Britain To Resume Diplomatic Relations

SHAH GIVES HIS APPROVAL

Teheran, Dec. 3.

Persia has asked Britain to resume diplomatic relations, according to an informed source.

The move—which is unconditional—is considered by the Persian Government as a test of British good faith, the source said.

Persia expects Britain to reciprocate by taking part in talks aimed at solving the Persian oil problem.

The Shah of Persia was reported in Teheran today to have given his approval to the Government's decision to resume diplomatic relations with Britain, Cairo Radio reported tonight.

The Shah was believed to have given his assent in an interview with the Persian Foreign Minister, Mr. Abdollah Entezam, this morning, the Radio said.

Earlier Mr. Entezam conferred with the United States Ambassador, Mr. Loy Henderson, and the Swiss Minister, representing British interests in Persia.

Beirut Radio said tonight Mr. Entezam was believed to have communicated to Mr. Henderson Persia's reply to the proposal of Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, that diplomatic relations be resumed.

The Radio also said it was believed Mr. Entezam handed the Persian reply to the Swiss Minister.

Meanwhile, the Mullah Ayatollah Kashani, Persia's powerful religious leader, was reported by Cairo Radio to have voiced his vigorous opposition to the resumption of relations with Britain pending settlement of the Anglo-Persian oil dispute.

Kashani was said to have stated in Teheran that he would issue a communique about his opposition later today. Cairo Radio said a spokesman of the Persian Majlis (Parliament) said last night that General Fazlollah Zahedi's Government had decided to resume relations and that Parliament had endorsed the decision.

The spokesman added that a joint Anglo-Persian announcement could be expected this week. Cairo Radio added.—Reuter.

Eden's Nephew Fails In Election Bid

London, Dec. 3.

Mr. John Eden, nephew of Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's Conservative Foreign Secretary, failed to win the Parliamentary seat from Labour in a by-election at North Paddington, London, today.

Labour's majority was 2,260.

The result of the polling, declared tonight, was: Mr. Benjamin Parkin, Labour, 14,274.

Mr. John Eden, Conservative, 12,014.

Mr. William Waters, Socialist Party of Great Britain, 242.

The Labour majority at the general election was 4,080.

The by-election was caused by the resignation of Labour member William Fielders who in the 1951 general election had a majority of 4,089 votes.

Composition of the 625-seat House of Commons will now be: Conservatives and Allies 322.

Labour 294.

Liberal 6.

Irish Labour 1.

Nationalists 2.

On paper, this gives the Conservative Government a majority of 19. But the majority is actually 18, because the Speaker, a Conservative, does not vote.

The result was telephoned to Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, now in Bermuda for the Big Three talks.—Reuter.

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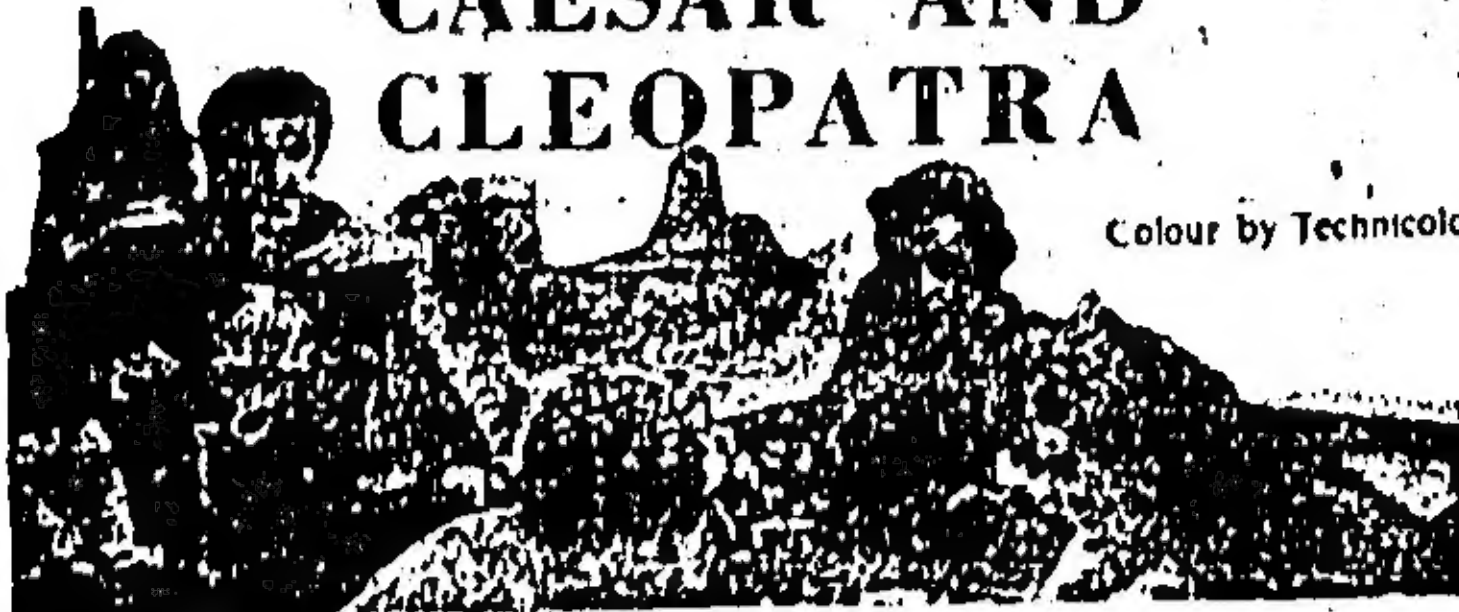
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New Soviet Ambassador To Peking Causes A Big Surprise

London, Dec. 3. The replacement of Vassili Kuznetsov by Professor Pavel Yudin as the Soviet Ambassador in Peking, announced yesterday in Moscow, has somewhat caused a surprise in political circles here.

These circles pointed out that Kuznetsov's mission in China had hardly lasted nine months. His appointment to the Peking post a few days after the death of Stalin was interpreted at the time as showing the desire of the new Soviet leaders to help the Chinese leaders in problems created by the industrialisation of the country.

Kuznetsov, a former Soviet trade union leader, was considered here as a specialist in planning, whose advice could have been valuable to the Peking leaders. Besides, the British trade union circles had also thought that the Kremlin intended to counteract the activity shown in non-Communist countries by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and that Kuznetsov would help the pro-Communist unionists play a leading role in the trade union movement in Southeast Asia, Burma, Thailand, and India.

Two hypotheses were given today in generally well-informed circles as to the reasons for this replacement.

The first would be the existence of divergences between China and the Soviet Union, especially on the question of North Korea's relations with its two powerful neighbours. The recent purges in Pyongyang, the successive journeys of the North Korean Premier, Marshal Kim Il-sung, to Peking and Moscow, the competition between China and the Soviet Union on the subject of reconstruction aid to North Korea indicated, according to this hypothesis, a certain rivalry between the two countries.

The second hypothesis was that of a desire for a still closer relationship between the two countries. Kuznetsov's mission was to conclude a new trade agreement between the two countries, according to this hypothesis. Now, the Kremlin prefers to have a man in Moscow like Kuznetsov, who knows the Western languages, and has close contacts with international union circles.

ANOTHER ROLE Besides, the presence in Peking of Yudin, who is a theoretician on Marxism, is now required in Communist China, where the Marxist-Leninist ideology is being applied, and where Soviet experience could be used.

According to this second hypothesis, Yudin would have another role as Ambassador to Peking. He would lay the foundation of a Cominform on a world level. This organ would unite the two organisations, the Cominform proper which groups the Soviet Union and the European countries, and the co-ordinating bureau of the Asian Communist movements, which was reported to have been created recently, and has its centre in Peking—France-Press.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG

Canberra, Dec. 3. The Australian Federal Parliament today passed a Bill making the Australian blue ensign the national flag.

But it is expected here that the Bill will not become law until Queen Elizabeth herself gives personal assent when she visits Australia next year.

Normally, Bills passed by Parliament become law with the signature of the Governor-General.

The blue ensign consists of a Union Jack, a large seven-pointed star and a southern cross of stars, all set on a blue background.

The Bill, which was supported by Government and Opposition members, also makes the Australian Red ensign—the same as the blue ensign but with a red background—the Australian merchant flag, and preserves the right of people to fly the Union Jack—Reuter.

Nazi Informer Pardoned

Copenhagen, Dec. 3. Friedrich Wagner, 60-year-old shoemaker serving a life sentence for informing to the Nazis during the war, has been pardoned and expelled from Denmark.

If he ever sets foot in the country again he will go back to prison.

Wagner, a German living in south Jutland when the plebiscite of 1919 handed it back to Germany, refused the offer of Danish citizenship.

He was accused of having in February, 1945, informed the Gestapo that a Danish doctor, Joergen Teilmann, had stored weapons for the Danish underground movement. Teilmann was arrested and executed. — China Mail Special.

FEWER FILM FESTIVALS

London, Dec. 4. The world's main film producing countries have agreed that there are too many film festivals and are trying to cut down their number.

They propose to reduce the number of festivals each year as quickly as possible until in the end there will be only one "World Festival" at which competitive prizes are given.

Representatives of eight nations—France, Spain, United States, Sweden, Germany, Mexico, Britain and Italy—are meeting in London this week of the Administrative Council of the International Federation of Film Producers Associations.

Japan is also a member, but did not send a representative. The Council approved this calendar for 1954:

Category A (international festivals with competitive prizes): Cannes, March 25 to April 9; Venice, August.

Category B (festivals without prizes): Sao Paulo, Brazil, Feb. 12 to 26; Mar del Plata, Argentina, March 7 to 16; Berlin, June 18 to 26; San Sebastian, Spain, July.

Category C (specialised films): Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, (sport), February; Brussels (tourism and folklore) October.

Category D (festivals of a national character): Punta del Este, Uruguay, March 1 to 7; Locarno, July; Cairo, October. — China Mail Special.

Hamburg State Opera House

Hamburg, Dec. 4. The Hamburg State Opera House, almost completely destroyed by bombing 10 years ago, will be opened by the middle of 1955, it was announced.

While reconstruction work goes on, the opera company is performing in a temporary auditorium built around the original stage, which escaped destruction. The foundation stone of the new building was laid by the former governing mayor of Hamburg, Herr Max Brauer—Reuter.

Japanese Brand Of Militarism Still Feared

London, Dec. 4. Fears of the old Japanese brand of militarism still exist in Southeast Asian countries but feeling on the whole is not opposed to Japan possessing enough forces for her own defence, according to opinions on Japanese rearmament and on her resurgence as an economic power collected by foreign correspondents in those countries.

The views show in the main a striking similarity. There is practically no apprehension at the prospect of Japanese economic penetration. Japan's technical help is welcomed as is a general exchange of goods.

Relations in general, however, are hindered by what the countries occupied by Japan during the war describe as a reluctance by her to pay reparations. This, they say, is holding up commercial exchanges and a resumption of normal diplomatic relations.

There are the views of foreign correspondents from various centres:

RANGOON

Rangoon: Burmese argue that if Japan is rich enough to rearm, she is also rich enough to pay reparations. The Prime Minister, U Nu, has said Burma does not mind Japan rearming sufficiently to defend herself but many educated Burmese remembering Japan's old ambitions still regard the rearming a potential danger to their newly-won independence.

Economic ties between the two countries will have rise as their basis for the next five years.

Singapore: Malaya still has fears of Japanese military penetration but she certainly has none of economic penetration. Already the average poorer man wears clothing made of Japanese cloth and cheap Japanese toys, bazaar goods and cement for private building are on sale.

TIN PLATE

Japan sends back to Malaya tin plate and corrugated iron made from tin ore imported from Malaya. She is one of Malaya's best rubber customers and there is talk of Japanese capital for investment in iron ore mining.

Bangkok: Japanese businessmen are reasserting their influence among the easy-going Thais who welcome their technical help. In Kanchanaburi Province, terminals of the Japanese built "death" railway, Japanese technicians are working in a number of Government-owned industrial plants.

A minority of Thais who suffered during the occupation are wary of Japan's rearmament but the majority feel Japan should be allowed forces for her own security and would welcome increasing Japanese trade.

DIJAKARTA

Djakarta: The general attitude in Indonesia is reflected in a recent statement by the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Wongsongoro, that "Japan is the only country prepared to invest capital in Indonesia without waiting for the restoration of internal security."

"But relations with Japan are hampered by the unsolved question of reparations."

There is still some anti-Japanese feeling in Indonesia which, however, needs foreign investment buyers for her raw materials, technical assistance and capital goods.

A Saigon: A Vietnamese Government spokesman said recently that a preliminary agreement to establish diplomatic relations with Japan could be expected to be signed in Tokyo in a few weeks.

Vietnamese official sources concur with French officers that a limited Japanese rearmament might reduce the threat of Chinese aggression. — China Mail Special.

Possible Cotton Shortage

London, Dec. 3. Fears were expressed in the House of Commons today that there might be a cotton shortage in Lancashire—for the first time in a century.

The House was considering a Government measure to dissolve the Raw Cotton Commission. The Government-owned monopoly set up in 1947 to handle cotton imports.

The Labour Opposition was led by Mr. Harold Wilson, former President of the Board of Trade, who moved an amendment to continue certain functions of the Raw Cotton Commission until October 1955.

Mr. Wilson said he feared that if the Commission was not required to hold adequate stocks in sufficient variety to meet all claims put upon it, many mills might become stripped of stocks and have to close down.

UNEMPLOYMENT Most of them felt that stocks in the next few years would decline and some grades would almost disappear. Merchants were not likely to hold as big stocks as the Commission had, because they expected further price falls.

Mr. Thornton, Labour, said there was a danger that within the next 12 months the cotton industry would suffer from unemployment because it had no raw materials. It would be the first time for 100 years that Lancashire would have unemployed because of a lack of cotton, he said.

Replying to the Labour critics, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, said the Commission had suffered a loss in its last accounting year and a similar loss was expected in the next.

The Government's proposal aimed at dissolving the Raw Cotton Commission before the next season began in October—Reuter.

Jap Atom Victim To Marry

Bloctley, Gloucestershire, Dec. 4.

A Japanese girl who spent weeks in hospital following the atomic raid on Hiroshima will be married tomorrow in an ex-serviceman in the British Army.

Miss June Agnes Ito was leaving Hiroshima's railway station when the atomic bomb fell on August 8, 1945. She spent weeks recovering from "atomic disease."

The bridegroom is Allan Kline, 28. They met at the British Commonwealth Forces Headquarters at Kure, Japan, where June took a job during her vacation from university.

The sergeant checked her work for three months before returning home in 1951 for demobilisation. After he got here he wrote asking her to marry him.

She flew to England in July and has been living with his family since. — China Mail Special.

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No More War Prisoners In Soviet Hands, Says Delegate

Jordan River Scheme

United Nations, Dec. 3.

Informed United Nations sources said tonight that the Western Big Three powers were considering a proposal to "freeze" the disputed Israeli hydro-electric project on the River Jordan pending further efforts to arrive at some Arab-Israeli agreement for joint water development.

The United States, Britain and France were not prepared to present any resolution on Syria's complaint against the Israeli project at today's Security Council meeting but were continuing consultations to complete a document by early next week.

Syrian delegates said they were prepared to offer a resolution of their own to the Security Council but that its submission would depend on the proposal to be made by the Western powers.

The Security Council adjourned today after hearing Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan of Pakistan. Neither Syrian nor Israel was prepared to speak.

NEXT MEETING

The President, Mr. Alexis Kyrkou of Greece, said he would call the next meeting of the Council at the "earliest possible time" next week after the U.N. General Assembly has closed its current session—probably Tuesday.

Mr. Charles Malik of the Lebanon is scheduled to speak first at the next Council meeting, with Mr. Abba Eban of Israel following. Their speeches are planned as replies to the detailed statements already made by the opposing sides.

The proposal to "freeze" the Israeli project would in effect order the present suspension of work to be continued during an established period in which the truce supervisor, Maj.-Gen. Vaughan Bennike, would be charged with seeking some joint agreement on water development, according to informed sources.

American and British spokesmen said none of the possible measures outlined thus far was definite and it would be several days before a draft resolution actually took shape. — United Press.

NELSON JEWELS

London, Dec. 3.

One of the historic jewels stolen from the Nelson Museum at Portsmouth three weeks ago was returned anonymously to Scotland Yard by post today.

A gold and enamel box on a make ring with an inscription that it was presented to Lady Hamilton by Nelson, it is worth £200.—China Mail Special.

A New Portrait Of Churchill

Stockholm, Dec. 2.

A portrait of Sir Winston Churchill in a blue mantle, with a red tie, is the Nobel Literature Prize diploma awarded recently to the British Prime Minister.

Roses bloom round his feet and a laurel tree spreads its branches behind him.

In the background stands the Duke of Marlborough, his ancestor, against the British House of Parliament, over which hover doves of peace with olive branches in their beaks.

Lady Churchill will receive the diploma for her husband next Thursday from King Gustaf Adolf of Sweden.

The diploma was designed by a Swedish woman artist, Berta Svensson, 41, of the Stockholm Special.

Frozen Toes 'Crunched' Off By Red Nurse

Washington, Dec. 3.

Sergeant Wendell H. Treffery told Senators today that a Chinese Communist nurse "crunched" off eight of his dehydrated toes with hedge clippers.

Later, Sgt. Treffery said, he "snapped" off the rest of his toes himself to escape hospitalization in his insect-ridden prison camp.

The Sergeant testified before a Task Force of the Senate investigating Sub-Committee which is hearing atrocity reports from repatriated prisoners of war who fought the Reds in Korea.

His was a tale of malnutrition, dysentery, beri-beri, unspeakable filth, and brutality at the Communist's Yalu River Prison Camp No. 1.

Sgt. Treffery was captured near the Chosin Reservoir in the late Autumn of 1950. He is still undergoing treatment at the Army Hospital in Waltham, Massachusetts. He is 25 and lives in Terryville, Connecticut.

SAVED HIS LIFE

He said he thinks he saved his life by removing his own big toes to avoid being sent to the "hospital" at Camp No. 1.

Most of the patients admitted to that hospital were never seen again, he said.

The Sergeant testified that his feet were frozen in the 20-below-zero cold because, soon after his capture, the Communists took his boots.

After one day of marching without shoes, he said, he found two rubber shoes, both left. He was marched for 16 days.

"All the meat had worn off my feet, all the skin had worn off and there was nothing but bone showing," he said.—United Press.

United Nations, N.Y., Dec. 3.

The Soviet Union today dashed the hopes of many United Nations delegations who had made a final appeal to countries still believed to be holding war prisoners to allow the repatriation of those still living.

In a blunt statement, the Soviet delegate, S. K. Czarapkin, said that Soviet repatriation of World War II prisoners had been completed.

There could be no doubt about this, he emphasised.

Citing as his authority official Tass reports of 1959, the Soviet delegate said that, except for war criminals and sick persons, the repatriation of German and Japanese prisoners taken by the Soviet armies had been completed.

In a counter attack against the West, the Soviet delegate accused the Allies of not having repatriated Axis prisoners taken by their armies.

Former American Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, rose to his feet to deny this charge and the accusation that the United States was preparing a third world war.

DEMobilISATION

Byrnes added that the United States by its rapid demobilisation after the war, by its offer to turn over the secret of the atomic bomb to an international authority, and by its repeated offers to promote peace, had proved to the United Nations and the world the falsity of the Soviet accusations.

Former Axis prisoners, who had remained in western countries after these nations had fulfilled all their repatriation obligations, said Mr. Byrnes, had done so of their own free will—because they had found in the West satisfactory working conditions and good salaries.

VIOLATION

The Soviet delegate called the re-opening of the debate on repatriation of prisoners a violation of the United Nations Charter. He said that the appointment of a committee on the subject was illegal and that the entire question was part of a policy of calumny and propaganda against the U.S.S.R.

Mr. Czarapkin said that the Soviet Union had taken two million German prisoners and 500,000 Japanese prisoners.

He charged that the western nations were the instigators of the maintenance in captivity of 800,000 German prisoners and asserted that these prisoners were now in Indo-China, Malaya and Madagascar where, added the Soviet delegate, they were fighting against "national liberation movements."

Mr. Byrnes then hit back at the Soviet accusations by reaffirming his statement that all prisoners in the hands of the western powers had been repatriated before the date limit of December 1, 1948, fixed by international agreement.

SOVIET CLAIMS

In spite of the Soviet claims that repatriation had been completed, the Social Committee adopted the Anglo-American draft resolution that all countries, not already having done so, should make an immediate statement on all World War II prisoners still held by them.

The resolution, which asked that these statements should be handed to the special Prisoners of War Committee, was adopted by a vote of 44 to 5 (the Soviet Bloc) with five abstentions (the Anglo-American group).

The Social Committee decided not to consider a Byelo-Russian proposal seeking the dissolution of the Special Committee on Prisoners of War. This motion was rejected by 21 votes (mainly western and Latin American states) to 11 (including the Soviet Bloc and Yugoslavia) with 16 abstentions.—France-Press.

EYES BEQUEATHED TO BLIND

Birmingham, Dec. 3.

Five residents of Walsall in Warwickshire have just completed the legal formalities for bequeathing their eyes after their death so that others who are blind or partially blind may be given a chance to have their sight restored.

Their action followed quickly the disclosure that at least 50 people in Walsall were waiting to undergo operations for cornea grafting in the hope that they would be able to see again.

Until the cornea grafting bill became law in Britain about 12 months ago, it was almost impossible to bequeath eyes to anyone in need of them.

Today a person may bequeath eyes legally merely by expressing a wish to do so orally or in writing in the presence of two witnesses.—China Mail Special.

East German Factories May Be Returned

Bonn, Dec. 3.

The Soviet Control Commission is reported to be negotiating with the East German government to hand over 33 factories in East Germany operated by the Russians for their own profit since the end of the war.

But West Germans believe the "handover" will scarcely reduce Soviet control.

West German government officials say that in fact the Soviet Union has hardly given up any of the control which it won in East Europe during the war.

Its method in these satellite countries from which Soviet troops have been withdrawn, had been to infiltrate industry with "experts" and control essential concerns with joint companies in which the Soviet members have the last word.

There is reason to believe that in East Germany the Soviet Union will modify this practice slightly.

Last August the Soviet government promised an East German government delegation that it would hand over the 33 firms for conversion into "people-owned" companies.

The 33—the pick of East Germany's chemical and machine tool industries—were from the beginning spared most of the rigours of dismantling.

Since 1945 they have been working full time for the Soviet economy.

No War For The City Of Trieste



An assurance that Yugoslavia would not go to war for the city of Trieste, was given in a speech in Belgrade recently by President Tito. But, he added, that Yugoslavia would continue to insist on being given "all of Zone A which is completely ours." The city is in Zone A, but he was presumed here to be referring only to the wide areas in the hinterland which are predominantly Slovene-speaking. The speech was heard by more than 200,000 people.—Express Photo.

Australian Sweep Unlucky

Perth, Australia, Dec. 3.

Mr. George Hart, of Mount Ida, near Leonora, won the Leonora sweepstake on the Melbourne Cup last year and died five days later in a mine accident.

This year Mrs. Leigh Page won the same sweepstake and died in a road accident near Leonora within four days of collecting the money.—China Mail Special.

U.S. 7 Billion Deficit

New York, Dec. 3.

The Under-Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Morino Folsom, said today the United States Government would have a deficit of at least \$7,500,000,000 (about \$2,677,000,000) next year unless spending was cut.

The deficit could be as much as \$20,500,000,000 (about £3,303,000,000), Mr. Folsom estimated, if Congress refused to extend corporation and excise tax rates due to fall next spring to their level of before the Korean war.

But, he said, it was hoped sufficient spending reductions could be made so that the actual deficit would be considerably below \$7,500,000,000.

Mr. Folsom's forecast was based on estimates to revenue losses expected to result from projected tax cuts.

He was addressing a National Association of Manufacturers meeting here.

Mr. Folsom said the Defence Department was making "good progress" in cutting security costs—"by eliminating expenditures and by getting more defence for less money."—Reuters.

12 DIVISIONS

Under the EDC arrangement Germany would be asked to supply only 12 divisions, eight of which would be at three-quarter strength. Thus from the beginning, Germany would always be ready and eager to add additional forces, while France would always be in the position of keeping her contribution to a minimum.

These circumstances explain one of the reasons for French hesitation about ratifying EDC if the United States now showed understanding for the French viewpoint and agreed to go slow for the time being on immediate German rearmament.

Neither M. Laniel nor M. Bidault will be in a position to give any definite undertaking that the EDC can be ratified in the present supra-national form.

Close association of Britain would help to overcome some Parliamentary scruples.

According to equally reliable sources, the French Ambassador in London, M. René Massigli, has informed his Government that the British are not prepared to commit themselves to any substantial participation in the scheme.

According to the same sources, the British Government has not yet defined its attitude should Germany be admitted directly to NATO.—Reuters.

U.N. Commission

United Nations, New York, Dec. 3.

The United Nations General Assembly in plenary session today appointed seven countries as members of a committee for South-West Africa.

The committee will be charged with the task of examining reports and petitions regarding the territory up to the time that agreement can be reached between the United Kingdom and the present non-datory power and the United Nations.

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American Doubts About Rearming West Germany

Paris, Dec. 4.

French diplomatic observers believe there are signs that American leaders are following Paris in having some doubts about the urgency of rearming West Germany and now regard it as less urgent than some time ago.

At the same time the vast majority of French leaders and Parliamentarians do not question the need for getting German armed forces to swell the inadequate forces of Western Europe.

Diplomatic sources said here last night that the Big Three would send their reply to Russia's agreement to a Four Power meeting direct to Moscow from Bermuda.

It was thought here that there would be no major difficulty among the Big Three in agreeing to the reply to Moscow. The French will suggest February for the Four Power meeting, and Vienna or Lugano as the site. The Russians have suggested Berlin.

As long as the war in Indo-China lasts, the French are bound to be militarily inferior in Europe to a rearmed Germany.

According to information reaching the French authorities, the Bonn Government was planning to recall 20,000 former Wehrmacht officers and 80,000 non-commissioned officers. This, according to French military calculations, would be enough to provide 15 divisions at full strength.

No Secrets Over Trieste

London, Dec. 3.

The Foreign Office, firmly denied today that it has given secret assurances to either Italy or Yugoslavia on the Trieste question.

An official spokesman said, "So far as Her Majesty's Government is concerned, no secret assurances have been given to the Italian or Yugoslav Governments on Trieste."

"Her Majesty's Government has been in close consultation with both countries and any suggestions or proposals communicated to the two Governments have been identical."

The statement came on the heels of a question in the House of Commons last night by a Labour Member, Mr. Michael Foot, about reports of alleged secret assurances to the Italian Government on Trieste.

The Foreign Office spokesman emphasised that he was speaking exclusively on behalf of the British Government, but added that he had no reason to assume any different attitude on the part of the United States and French Governments.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the Big Three Powers are continuing their consultations on Trieste and that their Foreign Ministers are to raise the question at Bermuda this week.—United Press.

MARIAN YEAR BROADCAST BY POPE

Vatican City, Dec. 3.

Pope Pius XII will broadcast a message to Catholics throughout the world on Dec. 8, following the inauguration of the Marian Year at St. Mary Major's Basilica.

The Pope will speak following his return from the ceremony to the Apostolic Palace. The speech will be broadcast in Italian and then translations in English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese will follow.

The broadcast will follow the inauguration ceremony at St. Mary's during which the Pontiff will read for the first time the special Marian prayer which he has written. The Pope will recite the prayer with a group of girls of the Italian Catholic Action.

Before going to St. Mary's, Pope Pius will drive to Piazza di Spagna, where a special ceremony will be held before the "Column of the Immaculate" which rises majestically in front of the Palazzo di Spagna, a beautiful building which has been the Spanish Embassy to Rome since the 17th Century.—United Press.

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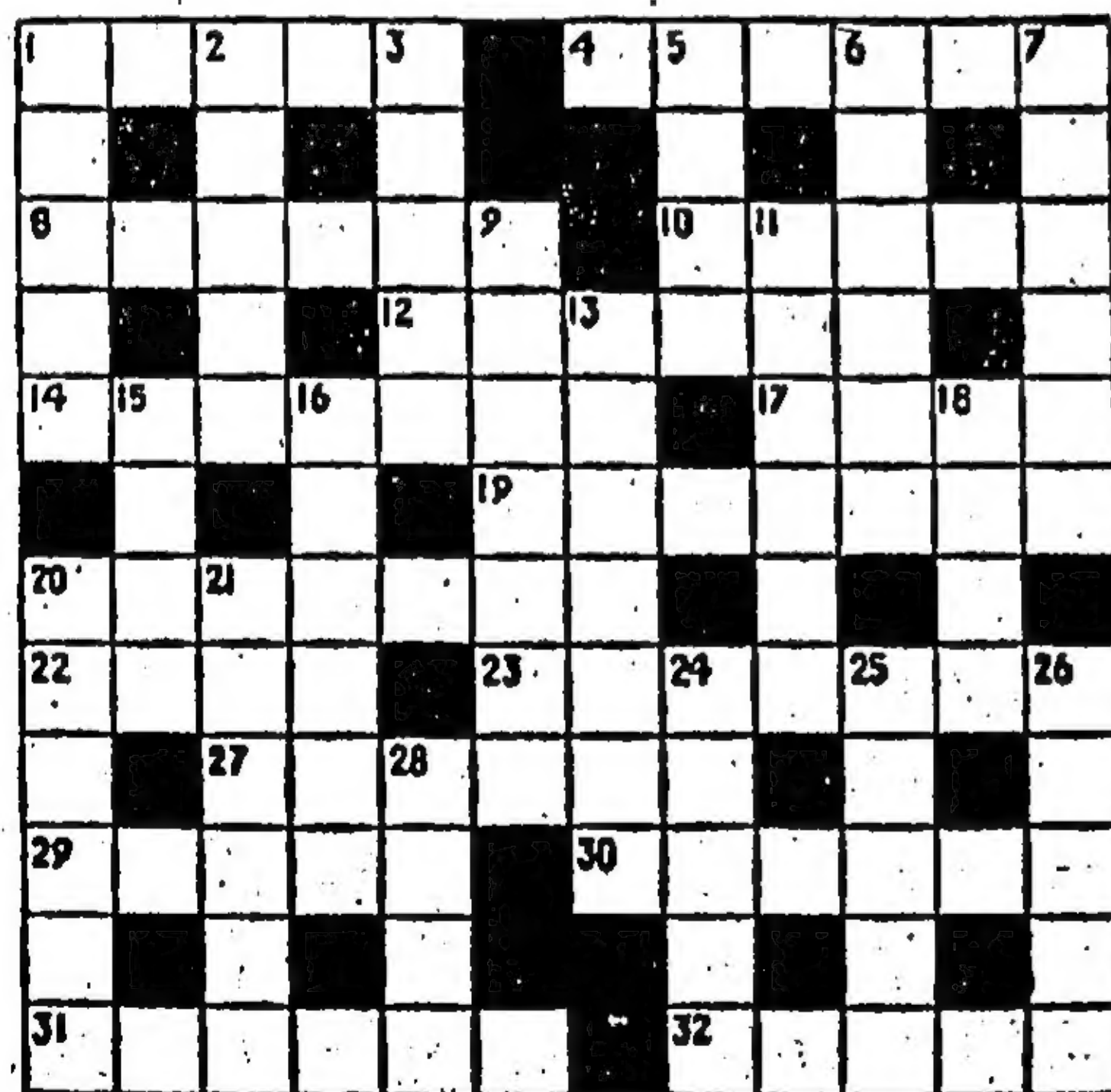
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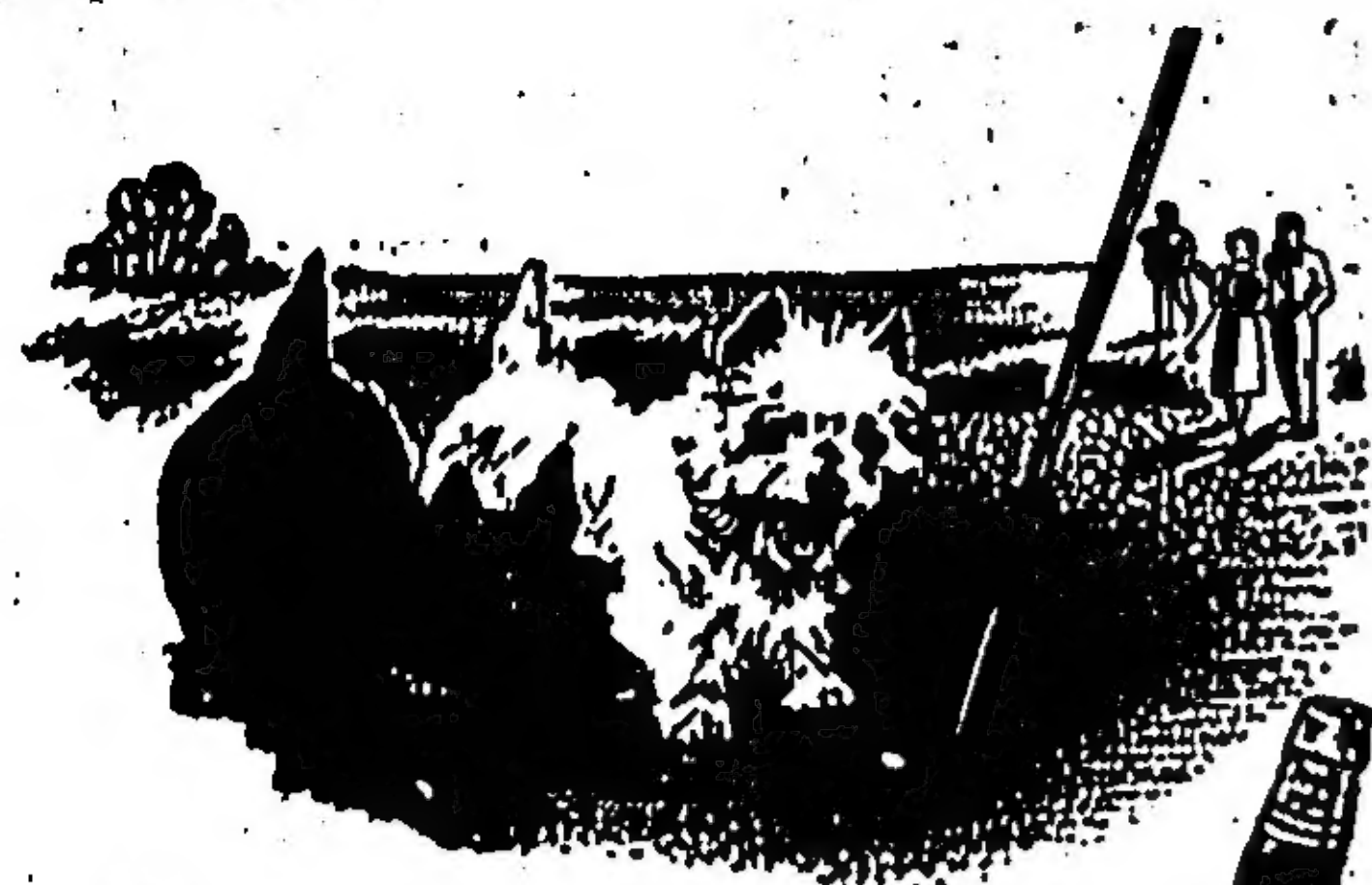
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- 30 Unmarried (6).
- 31 Summary (6).
- 32 Happening (6).

DOWN

- 1 Surround (5).
- 2 Talk violently (5).
- 3 Vegetable (5).
- 6 Grate (4).
- 9 Worn by Scottish Highlanders (6).
- 7 Matures (6).
- 9 Merit (7).
- 11 Destard (6).
- 13 Pours out abundantly (7).
- 15 Pitcher (4).
- 16 Wan (6).
- 18 Object of worship (4).
- 20 Senile person (6).
- 21 Stepping out (6).
- 24 Ingenious (5).
- 25 Corner (6).
- 26 Arcana (6).
- 28 Tidings (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Assault, 8 Heed, 9 Director, 11 Computes, 13 Iron, 15 Believed, 18 Saluting, 19 Wart, 21 Diverted, 26 Intruder, 28 Gift, 29 Desolate. Down: 1 Chic, 2 Term, 4 Silt, 6 Apes, 8 Later, 9 Dudes, 10 Rebel, 12 Opera, 14 Ounce, 16 Valid, 17 Dupes, 19 Weir, 20 Rites, 21 Dull, 22 Vents, 23 Tarn, 24 Duly.



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"TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY" CHAPTER 18

REVOLT IN GREECE... AND THE STIR THAT FOLLOWED

British troops entered Southern Greece early in October, 1944, and occupied Athens by the middle of that month. It was, however, November before the last Germans crossed the northern frontier.

According to the Caserta agreement, signed in September, all Greek guerrilla forces were to be under the orders of M. Papandreu's coalition Government, which put them under command of the British Gen. Scobie, E.L.A.S., the Communist-dominated "People's National Army of Liberation," did not observe this agreement, though E.A.M., the "National Liberation Front" which was their political wing, was represented in the Government.

A REVOLT by E.A.M. was imminent, and on Nov. 15 Gen. Scobie was directed to make counter-preparations. Athens was to be declared a military area, and authority was given to order all E.L.A.S. troops to leave it. The 4th Indian Division was sent from Italy to Salonika, Athens, and Patras. The Greek Brigade also came from Italy and became the centre of controversy between Papandreu and his E.A.M. colleagues.

The only chance of averting civil war was to disarm the guerrillas and other forces by mutual agreement and establish a new National Army and police force under the direct control of the Government in Athens. Arrangements were made to raise and equip National Guard battalions, each 600 strong. Ultimately there were 30 of these; they proved very useful in rounding-up armed hostile civilians and guarding areas cleared by our troops.

A draft decree for the demobilisation of the guerrillas, drawn up at M. Papandreu's request by the E.A.M. Ministers themselves, was present-

ed to the distracted Cabinet. The regular Greek Mountain Brigade and the Sacred Squadron were to remain. E.L.A.S. were to keep a brigade of their own, and E.D.E.S. [the Nationalist guerrillas] were to be given a small force.

But at the last moment the E.A.M. Ministers went back on their own proposals, on which they had wasted a precious week, and demanded that the Mountain Brigade should be disbanded. The Communist tactic was now in full swing. On Dec. 1 the six Ministers associated with E.A.M. resigned, and a general strike in Athens was proclaimed for the following day.

The rest of the Cabinet passed a decree dissolving the guerrillas, and the Communist party moved its headquarters from the capital. Gen. Scobie issued a message to the people of Greece stating that he stood firm behind the present constitutional Government "until the Greek State can be established with a legally armed force and free elections can be held." I issued a similar personal statement from London.

ON Sunday, Dec. 3, Communist supporters, engaging in a banned demonstration, collided with the police, and civil war began. The next day Gen. Scobie ordered E.L.A.S. to evacuate Athens and the Piræus forthwith. Instead their troops and armed civilians tried to seize the capital by force. At this moment I took a more direct control of the affair. On learning that the Communists had already captured all the police stations in Athens, murdering the bulk of their occupants not already pledged to their attack, and were within half a mile of the Government offices, I ordered Gen. Scobie and his 5,000 British troops, who 10 days before had been received with rapture as deliverers by the population to intervene and fire upon the treacherous aggressors.

It is no use doing things like this by halves. The mob violence by which the Communists sought to conquer the city and present themselves to the world as the Government demanded by the Greek people could only be met by firearms. There was no time for the Cabinet to be called.

ANTHONY [Eden] and I were together till about two o'clock, and were entirely agreed

that we must open fire. Seeing how tired he was, I said to him, "If you like to go to bed, leave it to me." He did, and at about 3 a.m. I drafted the following telegram:

Prime Minister to Gen. Scobie (Athens), repeated to Gen. Wilson (Italy) 5 Dec. 44
I have given instructions to Gen. Wilson to make sure that all forces are left with you and all possible reinforcements are sent to you.

You are responsible for maintaining order in Athens and for neutralising or destroying all E.A.M.-E.L.A.S. bands approaching the city. You may make any regulations you like for the strict control of the streets or for the rounding up of any number of truculent persons. Naturally E.L.A.S. will try to put women and children in the van where shooting may occur. You must be clever about this and avoid mistakes. But do not hesitate to fire at any armed male in Athens who assaults the British authority or Greek authority with which we are working.

It would be well, of course, if your command were reinforced by the authority of some Greek Government, and Papandreu is being told by Leeper [the British Ambassador] to stop and help. Do not however hesitate to act if you were to a conquered city where a local rebellion is in progress.

With regard to E.L.A.S. bands approaching from the outside, you should surely be able with your armour to give some of these a lesson which will make others unlikely to try. You may count upon my support in all reasonable and sensible action taken on this basis. We have to hold and dominate Athens. It would be a great thing for you to succeed in this without bloodshed if possible, but also with bloodshed if necessary.

This telegram was dispatched at 4.30 a.m. on Dec. 5. I must admit that it was somewhat incident in tone. I felt it so necessary to give a strong lead to the military commander that I intentionally worded it in the sharpest terms. The fact that he had such an order in his possession would encourage him to decisive action, but gave him the certain assurance that I should be with him in any well-conceived action he might take, whatever the consequences might be.

I felt grave concern about the whole business, but I was sure that there should be no room for doubt or hesitating. I had in my mind Arthur Balfour's celebrated telegram in the 'eighties to the British authorities in Ireland: "Don't hesitate to shoot." This was sent through the opac telegraph office. There was a furious storm about it in the House of Commons of those days, but it certainly prevented any loss of life.

In the area being cleared by the Greek Mountain Brigade an attack was made by the rebels from the flank. The attack was held, but delayed progress of the brigade. This showed the scale of the fighting on which we had now embarked.

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LATER that day I telegraphed to our Ambassador. This is no time to dabble in Greek politics or to imagine that Greek politicians of varying shades can affect the situation. You should not worry about Greek Government compositions. The matter is one of life and death.

You must urge Papandreu to stand by his duty and assure him he will be supported by all our forces if he does so. The day has long gone past when any particular group of Greek politicians can influence this much rising. His only chance is to come through with us.

I have put the whole question of the defence of Athens and the maintenance of law and order in the hands of Gen. Scobie, and have assured him that he will be supported in the use of whatever force is necessary. Henceforward you and Papandreu will conform to his directions in all matters affecting public order and security.

You should both support Scobie in every possible way, and you should suggest to him any means which occur to you of making his action more vigorous and decisive. Every good wish.

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E.L.A.S. had quickly gained control of most of Athens, except only its very centre, where our troops first held them and then began to counter-attack. Scobie reported:

Increased activities on the part of the rebels and widespread sniping limited progress during the fighting which continued throughout yesterday.

Some progress was made by the 23rd Brigade in house-to-house clearing throughout the afternoon. A further sector in the centre of the city was cleared by the Parachute Brigade.

Marine reinforcements had to be landed from H.M.S. Orion to deal with serious sniping of Navy House, Piræus, by rebels who infiltrated into the area south of Port Leonatos. In face of strong opposition our troops were forced to withdraw in one area.

Prime Minister to Gen. Wilson (Italy) 8 Dec. 44
You should send further reinforcements to Athens without the slightest delay. The prolongation of the fight has many dangers. I warned you of the paramount political importance of this conflict. At least two more brigades should hurry to the scene.

In addition to the above, why does not the Navy help all the time instead of only landing a small number in a crisis? You guaranteed, most strongly that you had already sent enough soldiers.

There is much talk in the Press tonight of a peace offer by E.L.A.S. Naturally we should be glad to have this matter settled, but you should make quite sure, so far as your influence goes, that we do not give away for the sake of kindness what has been won or can still be won by our troops.

It would seem to me that anything less satisfactory than the terms agreed upon before the revolt took place should not be accepted. Also it is difficult to see how E.A.M. leaders, with their hands wet with Greek and British blood, should resume their places in the Cabinet. This might, however, be got over. The great thing is to proceed with caution and to consult us upon the terms when they are made.

The clear objective is the defeat of E.A.M. The ending of the fighting is subsidiary to this. I am ordering large reinforcements to come to Athens, and Field-Marshal Alexander will probably be with you in a few days. Firmness and sobriety are what are needed now, and not eager embraces, while the real quarrel is unsettled. Keep us informed, before any compromise is settled in which you or Leeper are concerned.

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RUMOURS were spread by Communists and their like in London that British troops were in sympathy with E.A.M. There was no truth in them. On the peace offer the answer was:

Gen. Scobie to Prime Minister 10 Dec. 44
We would at once inform you should any peace offer be made by E.L.A.S., but neither the Ambassador nor I know of any such approach.

I have clearly before me the main objective you mention. While any one party is able to back its views with a private army Greece can never achieve peace and stability. Fighting may, I

hope, be restricted to Athens-Piræus, but I am ready to see it through in the rest of the country if necessary. It is a pity that tear gas may not be used. It would be of great help in this city fighting.

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NOW that the free world has learnt so much more than was then understood about the Communist movement in Greece and elsewhere, many readers will be astonished at the vehement attacks to which His Majesty's Government, and in particular at its head, were subjected. The vast majority of the American Press violently condemned our action, which they declared falsified the cause for which they had gone to war. If the editors of all these well-meaning organs will look back at what they wrote then and compare it with what they think now they will, I am sure, be surprised. The State Department, in the charge of Mr. Stettinius, issued a markedly critical pronouncement, which they in their turn were to regret, or at least reverse, in after years.

In England there was much perturbation. The Times and the Manchester Guardian pronounced their censures upon what they considered our reactionary policy. Stalin, however, adhered strictly and faithfully to our agreement of October, and during all the long weeks of fighting the Communists in the streets of Athens not one word of reproach came from Pravda or Isvestia.

In the House of Commons there was a great stir. I accepted willingly the challenge flung at us in an amendment moved by Sir Richard Acland, the leader and sole member in Parliament of the Commonwealth Party, supported by Mr. Shinnell and Mr. Aneurin Bevan. There was a strong current of vague opinion, and even passion, of which these and other similar figures felt themselves the exponents.

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HERE again any Government which had rested on a less solid foundation might well have been shaken to pieces. But the War Cabinet stood like a rock against which all the waves and winds might beat in vain. When we recall what has happened to Poland, to Hungary, and Czechoslovakia in these later years we may be grateful to Fortune for giving us at this critical moment the calm, united strength of determined leaders of all parties.

Only 30 members faced us in the division lobby. Nearly 300 voted confidence. Here again was a moment in which the House of Commons showed its enduring strength and authority.

(Continued Tomorrow)
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STARTING with Robin Hood: We mark him RED. Very red-red as a geranium. "Commie" as they come. And no nonsense about it.

CINDERELLA: PINK. Pink because, although she started off as a fine Communist material with an excellent down-trodden, working-class background, she fell for the first opportunity of becoming a capitalist by marrying a prince. They are reported to have lived happily ever afterwards—whether by Cinderella's fire-side or in the prince's palace history does not say. So it's a PINK for Cinderella.

JACK AND THE BEAN-STALK: BLUE. He, too, according to some people,

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could have made a useful "Commie," squandering other people's cows and things for his own selfishness. But he got a BLUE because, when he eventually finished up very rich by climbing beanstalks and stealing wealthy giants' cash, there was none of this give-it-to-the-poor-but-we're-also-letting-him-saved-us from the lot.

BLACK SHEEP (He He): PINK. Because we think he was one of these "on the fence" clients. We're told he gave "one for the master and one for the dame," but we're also told that he saved "one for the little boy who lived down the lane," and we don't know whether the little boy

was rich or poor, a member of the Young Tories or Young Communists. Nor do we know whether the wool he was handling out belonged to him (the Black Sheep) or was fleeced from other members of the flock.

OLD KING COLE: RED. We don't know much about him except that he called for his adder three, which could mean anything. But when you don't know what a person's politics are if you're a BLUE you call him a RED, and vice versa.

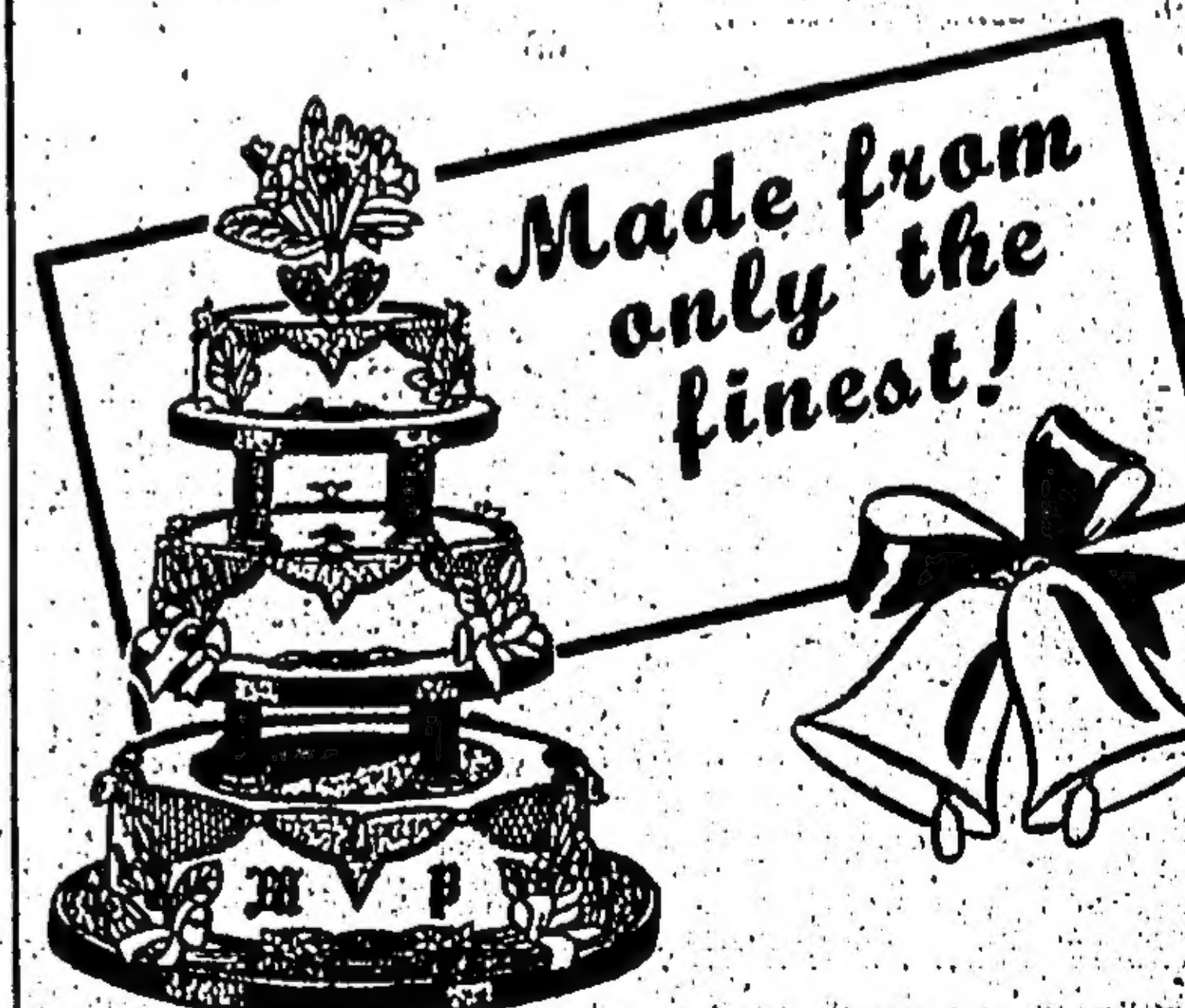
SIMPLE SIMON: I don't know what colour he was. Unless the fact that he wanted something for nothing gives us a clue.

GOLDLOCKS: Must be BLUE. When you think of Goldlocks you associate her with bears, and when you think of bears you think of Bulls, Bears and Bulls—change—of course she must be a BLUE.

Contrary girl

MARY (had a little lamb): I suppose lamb was all right, with a fleece as white as snow, but there are so many smiling versions about Mary, most of which make her a very shady character indeed. So to be on the safe side we'll call her a RED.

LITTLE BOY BLUE: BLUE. LITTLE BOY BLUE: BLUE. HOOD: Well, of course, if you go around calling yourself "Little Red" this, that, or the other.



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SPARKLING EXHIBITION OF WORLD CLASS BADMINTON BY PENG-SOON & CO.

By "ARGONAUT"

Sparkling world class badminton was again enjoyed by Hongkong enthusiasts yesterday when the unofficial World Champion, Wong Peng-soon, and his three Malayan top-ranking teammates opened their Hongkong series of exhibition matches at the newly-constructed Macpherson Playground.

Despite atrocious weather conditions, the visitors put up an excellent show. Their almost perfect control of the shuttle enabled them not only to nullify to a great extent the effects of heavy cross-winds but also to adapt their play to the conditions.

The HKBA Committee, however, who are having their first experience in playing a match at the Macpherson Playground are hoping that they will be able to have the exposed parts of the stadium covered up before the next match so that the players will be able to give of their best.

Highlight of last night's games was the two-set exhibition match between Wong and the next ranking Malayan singles player, Lim Koon-yam. Although Wong won by 15-15 and 15-3, the lightly built Lim fully extended the Champion in the first set.

The Malayan runner-up made up for his lack of build with two of the fastest feet yet seen on a local court. His shots appeared deceptively soft but had that all-important requirement of being placed at the right spot and at the right moment.

Wong had little scope to exhibit his all-round classical strokes and after trying hard to do so in the first set, switched to aggressive badminton, scoring repeatedly with powerful

smashes and deep drop shots. Lim took an early lead of 4-2 and 6-2 in the first set, but Wong passed him at 6-0 and went on to 8-0. Lim then overtook his opponent who drew level at 10-10, 12-12, and 13-13. Wong went on to take the first set by 15-15.

The second set, however, saw Wong utilizing the advantage of playing against the wind, to the full and utilizing matters against ailing Lim to win by 15-3.

YOUNG WINS SET

Colony Champion Ramon Young yesterday earned himself the special distinction of winning his first set against a Malayan Thomas Cupper. After losing the first set by 6-15, Lim Koon-yam was all over him with accurate net shots and strong smashes. Young put up a strong fight in the second.

With the wind behind him, Lim found it extremely difficult to get his smashes in. Although a number of points came from the Malayan player's errors, Young played a brilliant game of concentrating on the net in winning the second set by 15-17 in a thrilling finish.

The night's games concluded with a brilliant exhibition of men's doubles play by all the four players. In what turned out to be an Inter-State match between Selangor and Johore, Wong and Cheong Hock-leng had the better of Piruz and Lim Koon-yam by 15-15 and 15-3.

All the four players kept up a sustained attacking game at high speed and play reached an extremely high standard in the second set.

THE SCORES

Men's Singles
Abdullah Piruz drew with Ramon Young 15-10, 17-18.
Wong Peng-soon beat Lim Koon-yam 15-15, 15-3.
Mixed Doubles
Piruz & Ullan Khoo drew with Cheong Hock-leng & Winnie Cheung 15-11, 12-15.

Men's Doubles
Wong Peng-soon & Cheong Hock-leng beat Lim Koon-yam & Abdullah Piruz 15-12, 15-2.

TOMORROW'S GAMES

At Macpherson Stadium at 3 p.m.

Men's Doubles
Cheong Hock-leng & Long Hin-jok v Lim Koon-yam & E. Marquez-Lim.

Men's Singles
Wong Peng-soon v Ramon Young.

Mixed Doubles
Wong Peng-soon & Miss Mary Wong v A. Piruz & Miss Bernadine Remedios.

Men's Singles
Siu Chuen (Queen's College) v Ko Wai-bong (Chin Hui).

Men's Doubles
Wong Peng-soon & A. Piruz v Cheong Hock-leng & Lim Koon-yam.

SUNDAY, AT 7.30 P.M.

Men's Singles
Cheong Hock-leng v Bill Fung.

Ladies' Doubles
Ullan Khoo & Winnie Cheung v Helen Kwong & Elvise Tsok.

Mixed Doubles
Lim Koon-yam & Dorothy Lam v A. Piruz & Stella Correa.

Men's Doubles
Wong Peng-soon & Lim Koon-yam v A. Piruz & Cheong Hock-leng.

Questions On Gay Time In House Of Commons

London, Dec. 4.

The Minister of Agriculture, Sir Thomas Dugdale, told the House of Commons last night that the Government had followed the advice of experts in selling the famous racehorse Gay Time to Japan for £15,000 after having bought it for the National Stud for £50,000.

Gay Time finished three-quarters of a length behind the Aga Khan's Tulyar last year in Britain's most famous race—the Epsom Derby. Tulyar was later sold to the Irish National Stud for £250,000.

Answering a question by a Conservative member, Mr R. F. Crouch, the Minister said Gay Time was bought for the National Stud after consultation with a small informal committee appointed to advise on the selection of stallions.

The racehorse was sold on the advice of several prominent breeders, including members of the Committee.

SATISFIED

Asked if he was completely satisfied in the way in which the horse had been sold, the Minister said he was "very much" satisfied. He said the horse was sold for a price which was "very much" above the price at which it was bought.

Mr Eric Johnson, another Conservative member, asked what was the nature of the

ment which led to the decision, that Gay Time was not suitable to be kept as a stallion at the National Stud.

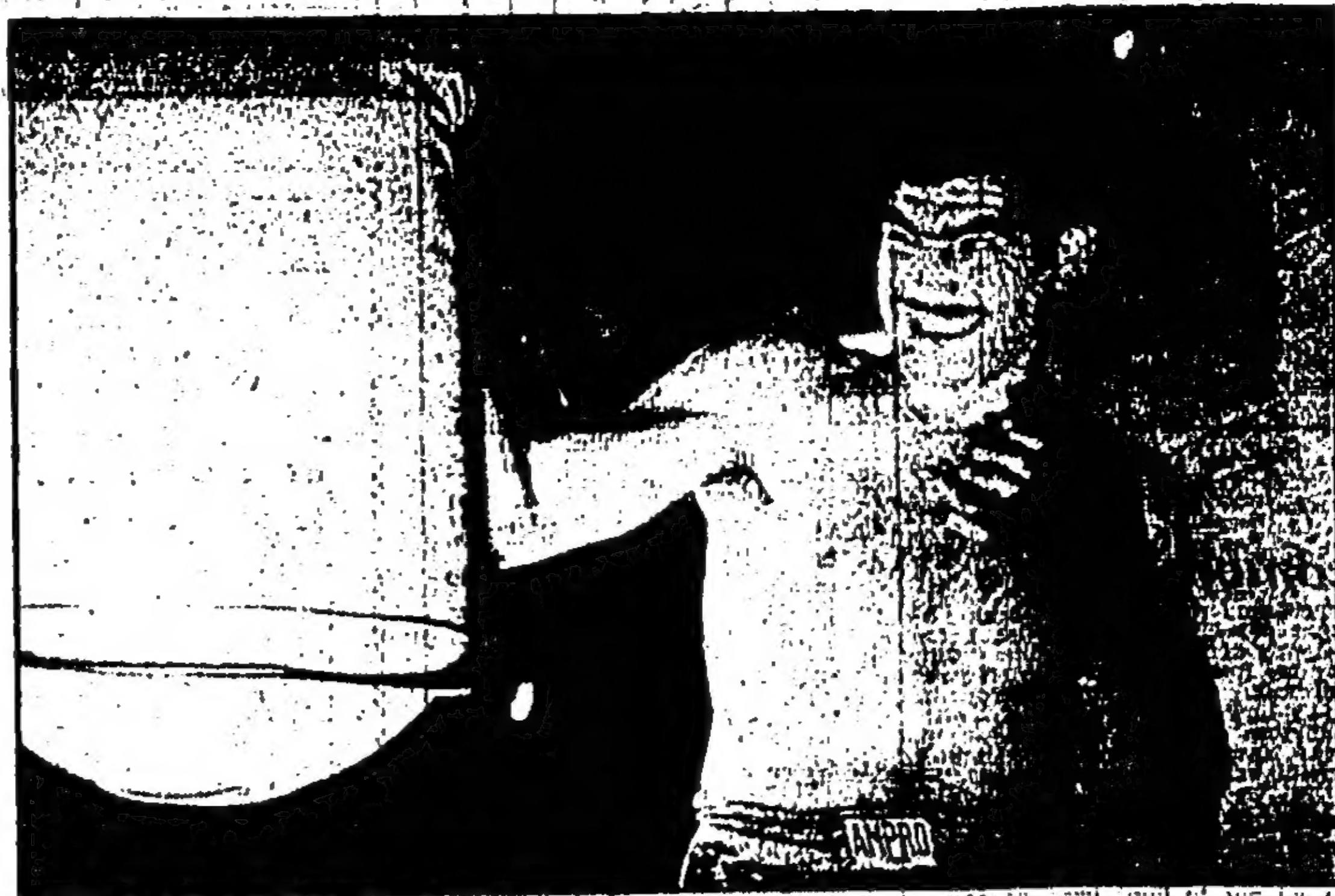
Sir Thomas Dugdale told him that Gay Time developed an obstruction in the throat which seriously reduced his intake of air when galloping and made him unfit to race.

Veterinary surgeons who examined the horse did not think the symptoms were those commonly associated with laryngeal paralysis, namely, whistling or roaring.

Mr Johnson, then asked: "Is there a ready market in Japan for horses which have been in the wind, and if so, will the Minister make that known to owners of such horses?"

Sir Thomas Dugdale said the reports were made available to the Japanese Government and those reports said the stallion was suitable for breeding.

FARMER JACK ON COMEBACK TRAIL



Jack Gardner, the British Heavyweight Champion until he gave up the gloves for farming, is due to return to the ring when he fights at Harringay on December 8. He and Don Cockell are both managed by John Simpson, who will have a problem if these two meet for the title! This picture was taken during a training session at Market Harborough, Leicestershire. — Central Press Photo.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Fifth Race Meeting of the season will be held over two consecutive Saturday afternoons, the first tomorrow and the second on December 12.

Each afternoon's programme will consist of eight events, with no change in the time of starting.

The best event tomorrow is the Galway Handicap while on December 12 the Hongkong Autumn Champions and the Sports Club Jubilee Cup will form the main attraction.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Epsom Handicap (First Section): One Mile

The opening race is confined to Class 8 ponies. United Victory (Mr C. P. Ng) is given top weight of 159 lbs. and on that account I think it can be left alone.

Ringway (Mr Boycott) came third in the Rob Roy Handicap at the last meeting over the champion distance and as it is in good condition at the moment I think its chances of winning here are rather bright.

No Regrets (Mr F. Noodt), which ran unplaced in the above race, can be depended on to make a good fight of it. Ann Hing (Mr Kwok) is another pony to watch, as it is improving and a win is not beyond its capabilities.

Diana (Mr Samareq) is also a likely winner as it is in good form.

SECOND RACE

Laytown Handicap: Six Furlongs

This will be contested by Class 7 ponies. Hurry On (Mr Boycott) and Santa Claus (Mr Williamson) are my selections for this sprint race. Both are fast and fit and should be prominent from the word "go".

There are many other potential winners. Comet (Mr Kwok) and Jennifer (Mr Plumby) are both primed up for top effort and should be very close at the finish.

Bright Bay (Mr H. K. Hung) can easily surprise in a slower run race as could The Hopeful (Mr Ip Kul-ying), who is better suited to longer distances. A good outsider is Fighting Spirit (Mr T. L. Wong).

THIRD RACE

Epsom Handicap (Second Section): One Mile

The second lot of Class 8 ponies will try conclusions here. Free Kick (Mr Ng) is carrying 153 lbs. which may not be too much of a handicap. In view of its second placing in the Rob Roy Handicap at the last meeting over 1-1/4 miles, it certainly stands a good chance of winning.

How Do I Know, with Mr C. L. Liu on top, is good over this distance and should have a say here.

SIXTH RACE

Froudsdown Handicap (First Section): One Mile

This race is confined to Class 9 ponies. Looking over the entries, it would appear that The Gazelle (Mr Samareq) is the logical choice for the first position.

Huntington (Mr Boycott) has shown rapid improvement during morning gallops and should be very near at the finish.

Attractive Power (Mr Wei) is coming along nicely but I cannot see it beating the above.

Star-glo (Mr Kwok) and Pearl of Hongkong (Mr Samareq) are also dangerous, but for those who are looking for an outsider I would recommend Corrib (Mr Ostroumoff).

FOURTH RACE

Leopardstown Handicap: One Mile

There is sure to be a big field for this event and on current form I think Flaming Wheel (Mr H. K. Chung) and Royal Command (Mr Chen Foo) are the ones to put your money on.

Pearl Diver (Mr A. Noodt) is fighting fit at the moment and could be very close at the finish. Madame Butterfly (Mr Ng) and Tune-phone (Mr C. A. Lee) are all quite capable of scoring in this company.

FIFTH RACE

Falkenstein Handicap: From 1 1/4 Mile Post

A galaxy of sprinters will contest this race for Class 5 ponies. This will be a dash over approximately five furlongs and a truly tough and go finish is in prospect.

As Phoenix (Mr C. A. Lee) won the Salisbury Handicap (Second Section) for Class 8 ponies at the 2nd Race Meeting with ease, this pony must be marked down as "definitely dangerous".

I like Dig Empots (Mr H. K. Chung) for this sprint too. Although getting on in years, this brown gelding is a very game animal and may pay its supporters a good price.

Marine Charger (Mr Tsai) has shown improved form in morning trials and Cornhill (Mr Samareq) and Queen Helen (Mr Shih) could also win without causing much in the way of a sensation.

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Commonwealth Team Score 286 For 4 In Bombay "Test"

Bombay, Dec. 3.

The Commonwealth touring team had scored 286 for four wickets at the close of the first day's play in the second "Test" against India today.

Reggie Simpson completed the first Commonwealth century of the series in 3 1/4 hours, but his innings ended just before tea at 121.

The Commonwealth touring team made a confident start to the second "Test" against India today, scoring 103 for one wicket by lunch.

The teams were: India: P. Umrigar, V. Man-lad, C. V. Gadgil, G. R. Sundaram, V. Manjekar, V. S. Hazare, G. S. Ramchand, C. D. Gopinath, T. S. Tahmane, S. P. Gupta, L. Patel.

Commonwealth: R. T. Simpson, D. G. W. Fletcher, K. Meuleman, D. Barrick, S. J. Loxton, B. A. Barnett, S. Ramchand, P. J. Lander, R. Berry, R. W. Marshall, F. M. Worrell.

Simpson and David Fletcher opened the innings and stayed together until the partnership was one short of a century. Then Fletcher, a last-minute selection, was bowled by Mankad for 35.

Mankad thus atoned for dropping Fletcher at short square leg when the Surrey man was only six.

TWO CHANGES

The Commonwealth team showed only two changes from the side beaten by an innings in the first "Test"—Desmond Burrick and Fletcher replacing Geoff Eberich and George Emmett.

Simpson and Fletcher comfortably played the Indian bowlers, Sundaram and Ramchand, scoring 22 runs in the first half hour. After only six overs each, they were replaced by Mankad, Jasu Patel and S. P. Gupta.

Patel, who is deadly on a mat surface, should have secured an early wicket when Mankad dropped a catch off Fletcher. It appeared an easy chance.

Simpson did the bulk of the scoring, lifting any loose balls to vacant spots in the outfield and once smote Gupta for six.

The batsmen appeared to be getting on top when Mankad bowled Fletcher around his legs. The Surrey opener hit a six and four fours.

The Australian, Ken Meuleman, joined Simpson to play out time to lunch, when Simpson was 63 not out.

Simpson and Meuleman played themselves in cautiously after lunch and then Simpson began to force the pace. The Australian, trying to emulate his partner, gave a difficult chance to Ramchand at square leg off Mankad, when he was 17 and the total 143.

Simpson had an escape at 88 made out of 104, when Gupta at square leg failed to hold a faulty turn to leg. Patel, playing in his first Test, was again the bowler.

GRAND CATCH

The Nottinghamshire Captain completed his century in 3 1/4 hours but his splendid innings ended just before the tea interval when Patel held a grand low catch off Mankad. Simpson included a six and 12 boundaries in his 121, and with Meuleman, put on 107.

Meuleman continued sedately and at tea was two short of a half century.

The Indian bowlers were more successful after tea. When the new ball was taken, the Commonwealth lost two wickets in 17 minutes for the addition of 16 runs.

Meuleman, after completing 50 out of 129 in 142 minutes, picked a ball from Ramchand into Tahmane's gloves.

Marshall, when only four, also picked Ramchand, but Hazare at first slip failed to stop up the chance.

Worrell gave Gopinath deep at fine leg an easy catch when he was 11.

HOME RUGGER

Oxford, Dec. 3.

Hertfordshire beat Oxfordshire 17 points to five in a Rugby Union County Championship match played here today.

Reuter.

New Zealand Off-Spinner Does Well

Pretoria, Dec. 3.

Matt Poore, New Zealand off-spinner, strengthened his claims for inclusion in the Test side today when he took six wickets for 47 runs—the best performance of the tour so far—against North Eastern Transvaal here.

Poore was chiefly responsible for the collapse of North Eastern Transvaal who, after being 94 for one, were all out for 177 shortly before the close on the first day of the two-day match.

The New Zealanders replied with 20 for no wicket before stumps were drawn.

The last eight Transvaal wickets fell for 57, Poore claiming all his victims during this period. His final figures were 24 overs, 10 maidens, 47 runs, six wickets.

Previously Poore had been given only ten overs in two matches.

Scores: Transvaal 177 (P. Davis 49, C. Kinton 53, W. Hall not out 33; M. Poore six for 47; J. Reid two for six); New Zealanders 20 for no wicket.

The first Test is due to begin at Durban on December 11.—China Mail Special.

Jack Dempsey Announces His Engagement

New York, Dec. 3.

Jack Dempsey, former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, today announced his engagement to 42-year-old widowed millionaire, Estelle Augusta of Palm Beach, Florida.

Aged 58, this is Dempsey's third marriage. The old "Manassa Mauler," who is reckoned by many to have been the greatest Heavyweight Champion of all time, made the announcement of his forthcoming marriage in Mrs. Augusta's New York apartment.

The Mrs. Dempsey-to-be has been married twice. Her last husband, a banker, who died recently, left her a fortune believed to be around \$40 million.

Since retiring from the ring after his greatest defeat by Gene Tunney, Dempsey has made a great success of his restaurant in New York, which is the centre for all sporting celebrities.

Still physically fit, Dempsey often referees boxing and wrestling matches and recently showed that he had lost none of his old skill when he knocked out a wrestler, who had "knocked him in the ring"—France Press.

The jumping season in Britain is here again. Racing expert Tattenham, who last season on a level stake of £1 showed a profit of £39.10s. with his naps, gives his list of 12 horses to follow.

MARINER'S LOG LEADS THE 12

George Beeby is not a man to overrate horses. But how his face lights up if you mention Lord Bicester's Mariner's Log, who has just joined his stable from Ireland.

Mariner's Log figures in the King George VI 'Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day as a stepping-stone to the Gold Cup.

MARINER'S LOG, still only a six-year-old, was the "Lancet" of Ireland last season—a raw, overgrown baby with championship potential.

ROSE PARK will keep the best of them busy in the Cheltenham Gold Cup next March.

COOLROCK run up a sequence of seven wins before breaking down two seasons ago. He jumped with all the old verve in his first race for 13 months.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Well Played!

Sir,—I think "Tommy Atkins" in his Army Sports, Gossip 101, today's date, 3rd Dec., might have made mention of the A.P.C. and their effort in the P.T. Competition. It is to be remembered that the unit, besides being small, is one that has a sedentary occupation in the "hall" of the Services, and yet they can compete with and defeat many units who are in the "trench" of the Force. In this competition they were only a quarter of a point behind the H.K. Signal Regt. who were second. Well played one of the Minor Units.

FAIR PLAY

The racehorse was sold on the advice of several prominent breeders, including members of the Committee.

Asked if he was completely satisfied in the way in which the horse had been sold, the Minister said he was "very much" satisfied. He said the horse was sold for a price which was "very much" above the price at which it was bought.

Mr Eric Johnson, another Conservative member, asked what was the nature of the

ment which led to the decision, that Gay Time was not suitable to be kept as a stallion at the National Stud.

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British officials said that the roadblocks and barricades were designed to check the entry of unauthorised persons into the area.

Most of the shopkeepers of the district are either refugees or stateless persons who are employed on permits from the British War Department.

For some time, Egyptians in the Suez Canal Zone have enforced an unofficial shopping boycott against British personnel, but Fayid's non-Egyptian shopkeepers had been an exception.

Recently, British officials said, these have been under attack and intimidation from the Egyptians. Therefore, the British Command decided to give them protection.—United Press.

Lack Of Funds

Paris, Dec. 3.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has been forced by lack of funds to reject requests for help to set up elementary and technical schools in Malaya, the Gold Coast and Yemen. Dr Malcolm Adiseshiah of India, Director of UNESCO's technical assistance department told Reuter here today.—Reuter.

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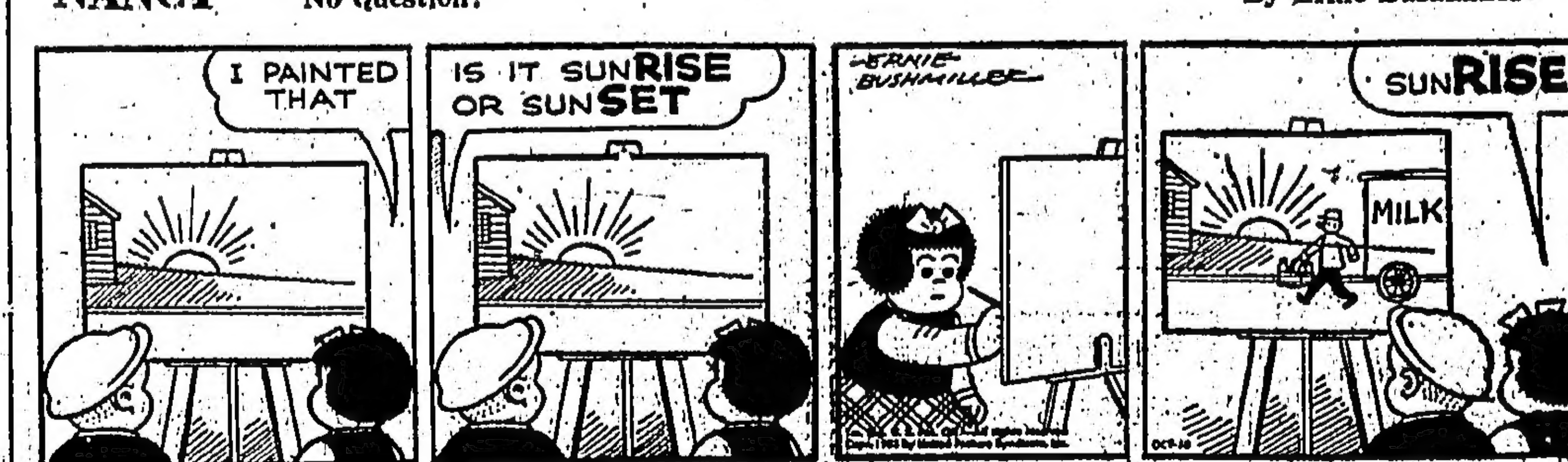
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EGYPTIAN COTTON CROP

Cairo, Dec. 3.
 The Egyptian Government will continue its policy of buying and selling the cotton crop in 1954-55, a Cabinet spokesman said today.

A finance note urged that this policy be continued "until a time when the reopening of the Liverpool cotton market will have satisfactorily solved the problem of currency transfers," he said. The Cabinet approved the Finance Ministry's recommendation.

It was announced recently in the British House of Commons that the Liverpool cotton market would probably reopen in September 1954, after the cotton commission was wound up.

The Egyptian Ministry's note said that "before thinking of reopening the Alexandria futures market," two factors were essential—creation of foreign markets to establish an equilibrium in cotton prices outside and inside Egypt to check monopoly transactions or the manipulation of prices, and currency conversion between Alexandria and other markets.—Reuter.

Investigation Of Truman Men

Washington, Dec. 3.
 The Senate investigation Security Sub-Committee announced today that it had received from the Department of Justice "study reports on three former employees of the Treasury Department, appointed or promoted by the Truman administration although the men had been under investigation for alleged Communist sympathies."

It was stated that F.B.I. reports on the three men had been sent to the White House and other high officials.

The three former government employees—Frank Coe, Solomon Adler and Victor Perlo—were colleagues of the late Harry Dexter White. They were alleged to have been involved in a time spy ring—France Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK PILLOW CASE

ROB'S job must be one of the most sought-after of its kind in the great cavernous railway terminus where he works. Although on the pay-roll, his name is down, along with many others, as a porter, grade II, it would be more accurate to describe him as a soft-goods dispenser.

Not for Rob the common tasks of porters, grade II, such as totting heavy loads for passengers, class III. Not for him the handling of awkward commodities like calves in sacks, whose protests bring upon the heads of their bearers, unspoken, unwarranted accusations of cruelty.

A NIGHT'S SLEEP—18. 6D.

THE heaviest burden Rob has to carry is a pillow filled with swansdown or kapok or whatever it is the railways fill their pillows with. These, as the night trains fret and fume waiting to go, Rob hires out to travellers lacking a sleeper-reservations.

It is easy to see how Rob was picked for the job, for a a restful, reassuring, sleep-inducing tranquillity about him that might belong to the Sand Man himself. To hire a pillow from Rob, you feel, is to purchase for eightpence the guarantee of a good night's rest.

The other midnight, alas, Rob fell down.

'GO HOME'

AT least, to a passing platform inspector it looked as if he would have fallen down had he not been propped up, loling, against his truck-load of pillows.

The inspector watched while Rob dispensed a pillow to a customer in a most undignified, devil-may-care fashion, then he went up to him. He noticed Rob's eyes were, as a policeman was later to say, "glossy," that his breath smelt of alcohol.

"You'd better pay in your money and go home," the inspector said. As Rob was reluctant to go, the inspector sent for the police.

Next morning, in the Clerkenwell court, before Mr T.F. Davies, Rob pleaded not guilty to a charge of "being drunk and disorderly during his employment as a railway porter."

THREE BROWNS

THE platform inspector told his story, writing down the rude names Rob called him, because he did not wish to sully his lips with them; the railway policeman told of the arrest. Then Rob went into the witness-box.

"Had you had any drink?" the magistrate asked him.

"Well, I had three brown ales about half-past eight," said Rob, whose working hours were six in the evening until two in the morning. "I went into the canteen to get a bit of baccy, see," he explained, "so I had to have a drink."

"When can you have a break for food—any time?" the magistrate asked him.

'MARVELOUS'

"WELL, when things are slack, sort of," Rob said. "The only check on it?"

"No," said Rob. "Marvelous," said the magistrate with heavy irony. "I haven't any doubt you were drunk," he went on. He asked if anything was known about Rob. Nothing was. Mr Davies turned to the inspector: "What's the effect of all this on this man's job?" he asked. "Does it depend on what I do?" The platform inspector nodded.

"I shall discharge you conditionally," the magistrate said to Rob. "But you stick to your work. This running to the canteen's an abomination. There ought to be a check on it; this is far too lax of the railways."

Rob nodded agreement, as if he intended to take up the matter at the highest possible level, directly. Then he went away, looking chastened and weary, as the Sand Man might, caught suffering from insomnia.

Tornado Kills 9, Destroys Village

Alexandria, Louisiana, Dec. 3.

A tornado killed nine persons, injured 50 and sucked up one whole village in a jagged 80-mile march across middle Louisiana today.

Another twister, born of the same black storm front, injured 14 in Mississippi.

Descending in the midst of a hail storm, the killer tornado battered seven towns in this State—communities with such picturesque Louisiana names as Leander, Lecamp, Kingsville, Hineson, and Dry Prong. Another town hit is named Paradise.

The village of Leander was no more tonight. The mighty fist of the storm struck it just after dawn and of the town's 10 houses and two stores only two houses were left in condition to be repaired.

Seven persons died in the flying wreckage and 10 were injured, about a 30 per cent casualty rate for the community's population.

Leander is 40 miles southwest of Alexandria. At Tullos, 40 miles north of Alexandria at the other end of the tornado's rampage, the storm killed two and injured 15, six seriously.

Only minor injuries and moderate damage were reported at Lecamp, Hineson, Kingsville and Dry Prong.

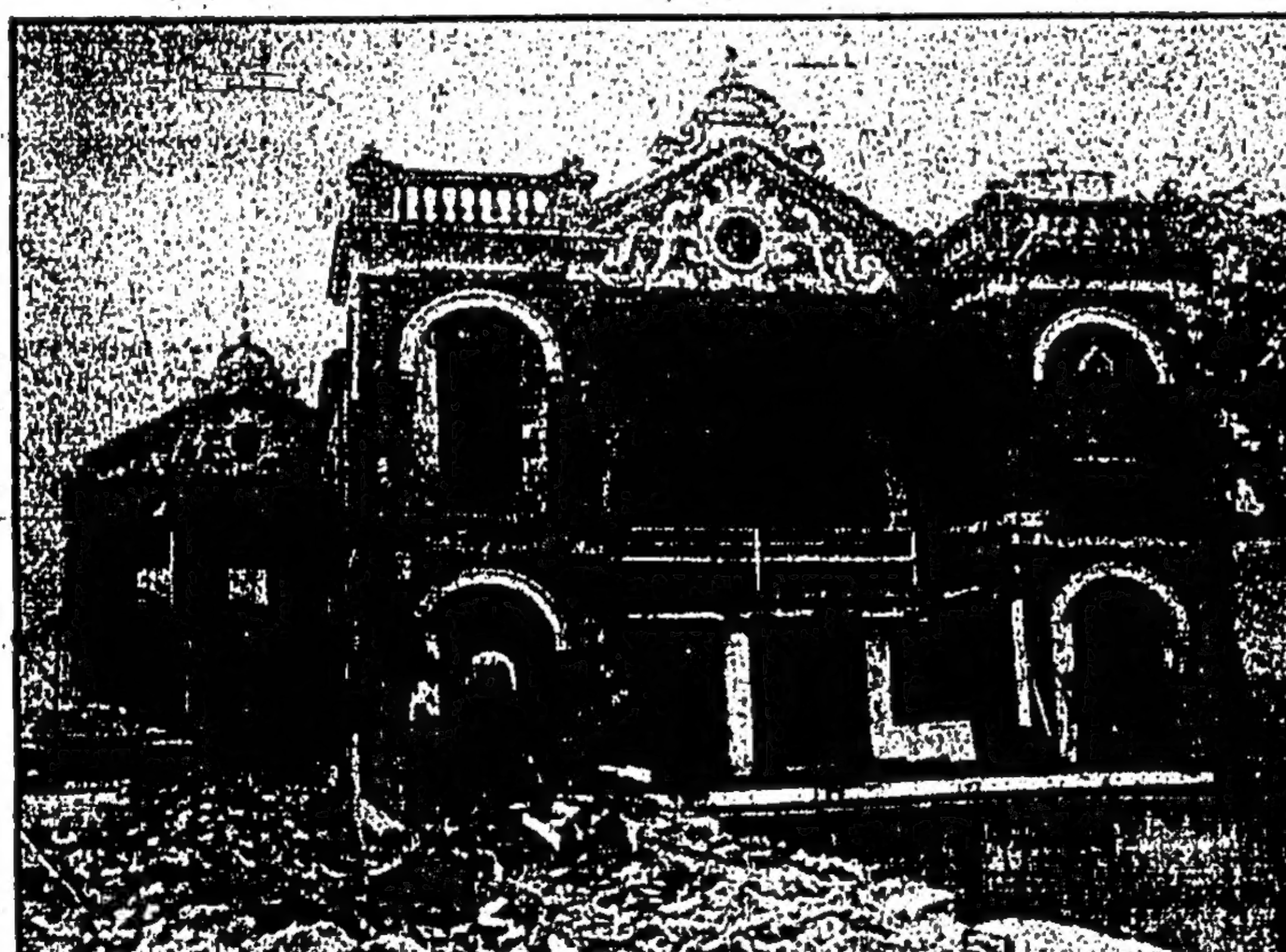
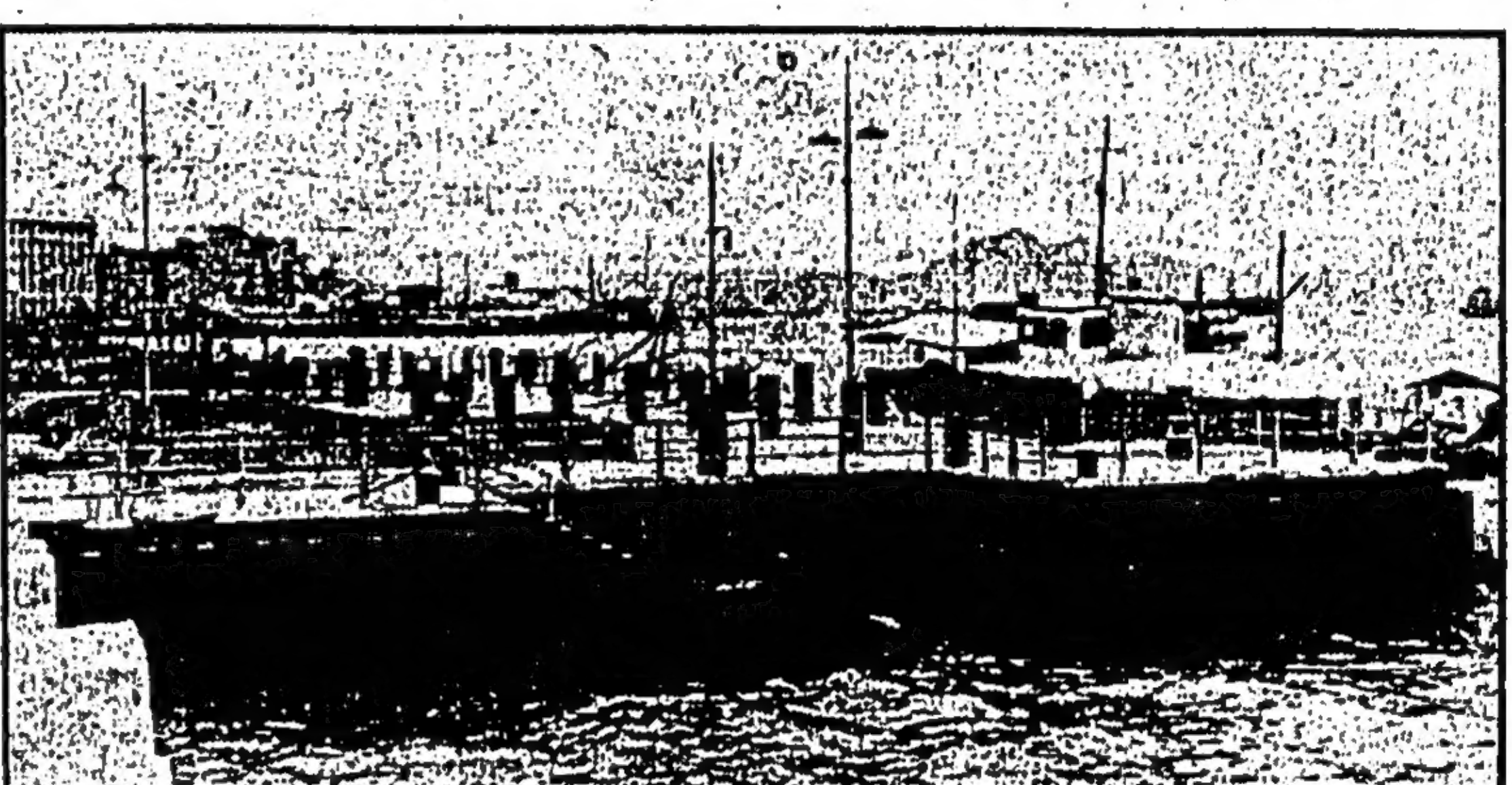
At Paradise, six miles north of Alexandria, the tornado grabbed a trailer in which three State Highway Department workers were sleeping.

The men escaped with light injuries. They later learned the storm had taken their trailer 100 yards through a clump of pines.—United Press.

(Changing The Central Waterfront



The central waterfront is now in the course of being rapidly changed in appearance as these three pictures illustrate. Above, part of the new reclamation is sufficiently completed to permit of it being used as a temporary car park. Opposite, the landing stage of the new Queen's Pier. Below, an historic landmark—the Victoria Recreation Club—now in the course of demolition to make way for reclamation work.—Staff photographer.



Unfortunately The Play Was Not The Thing!

It is not often that a critic gets an opportunity to congratulate the prompt corner. Last night at "Open Verdict" ample reason was provided, and I would like to commend Olivia Nichol for an excellent job carried out as unobtrusively as possible.

But a further word rehearsal today is as constructive a suggestion as I can make to The Garrison Players over their second production this season. That, and a recommendation that they are more careful in their choice of play in the future.

Arnold Graham, the producer, could do very little with such poor material—a mystery that holds no suspense cannot hope to be a success. As usual, however, the Players have managed to get an excellent decor, and the dresses are also effective.

Stan Lloyd and Pat Butler shared the acting honours. Mr Lloyd has a confidence that is comforting and is particularly to be praised for his speed at picking up cues. Allister Drummond, too, made a welcome appearance as the Inspector. In fact all the men in the cast gave stronger performances than the ladies—God! Bless 'em! Why must make do? On the other hand I would like to give a word of warning to Ann Marden to take care that her stage personality doesn't become too cold and distant.

No, I cannot pretend that this is a good effort. As I said before, this is largely due to the choice of play, and I put it to the committee of the Garrison Players, who are after all one of our best amateur dramatic societies and from whom we have come to expect very good work, that they should reconsider carefully their next production so that they can take us all by storm and make me eat these words of mine.—MARGARET BRUCE.

Mr. R. Frost has been re-appointed as a member of the Port Welfare Committee and the Port Welfare Committee vice Mr H. H. Tod. It was announced in the Gazette today.

Notification was given in the Gazette today that the warrant of H.E. the Governor whereby Mr Horace Lo was appointed to be a Magistrate has been revoked, with effect from December 1, 1953.

What's His Name? Solution: BRAY FANTINE. (London Evening Standard)

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

The following Government appointments were notified in the Gazette today:

Mr B. J. B. Morahan and Mr J. W. Cockburn to be Senior Education Officers, and Miss Frances Hon to be Education Officer (Woman).

Notice was also given that the following have resumed duty:

Mr I. B. Trevor, General Manager, Railway; Mr R. J. C. Howes, Establishment Officer; and Mr H. J. Crutwell, Labour Officer.

CONSULAR APPOINTMENTS

The Queen's Ensignship empowering Mr J. Horn to act as Honorary Consul for Austria at Hongkong has received Her Majesty's signature, the Gazette announced today.

Recognition has also been accorded by H. H. the Governor's Deputy, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to Mr D. Rused as Vice-Consul for Indonesia at Hongkong.

The Gazette also notified that Mr T. R. G. Fletcher, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner at Hongkong, has resumed duty.

PRISON FOR ILLEGAL RADIO OPERATOR

Described by the Prosecuting Officer as the most compact portable radio communicating set he had ever seen in Hongkong, a wireless transmitting set was exhibited before Mr T. Creedon at Kowloon this morning, when Ng Chee-ching, 25, of 41 Bulkeley Street, top floor, appeared on three charges of establishing a radio communication station without a licence, possession of radio equipment without a licence, and being the occupier of premises in which radio equipment was installed without a licence.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour on the first count, six months' hard labour on the second and 12 months' hard labour or a fine of \$3,000 on the third. The sentences are to run consecutively.

Mr D. B. L. Grew, of the General Post Office, who prosecuted, said that on information received, he raided the premises together with a Police party, armed with a warrant, yesterday. In a suitcase in the flat he found the communicating set he had over seen in Hongkong. It was evidently not used for commercial purposes, he said, and a number of messages which had been found had not yet been censored.

Mr Grew asked the Magistrate to take a very serious view of the case, adding that the Colony might have been endangered if the set had not been discovered.

The wireless equipment seized was ordered to be confiscated.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN J. T. LAING

We regret to record the death of Captain J. T. Laing, a well known figure in Hongkong shipping circles who passed away in the home of a relative in North Shields, England, on October 3. The late Capt. Laing was 78 years of age.

Known to many of his friends as "Commy," Captain Laing was for many years delivery skipper for the Talkoo Dock. He was also well known as the Hainan Straits pilot which job he had held from 1920 to 1941.

At the end of 1952, the late Capt. Laing left Kowloon Hospital and was put on board the Asturias and proceeded to England. He had been a patient in the Haslar Hospital, Portsmouth since July this year.

At the end of September, accompanied by two naval escorts, he went to North Shields to join one of his relatives. He collapsed and died a few days later.

The late Capt. Laing was also an associate member of the China Coast Officers' Guild.

SUCCEEDS MR MacINTOSH

The appointment of Mr Fung Ping-fan as Commissioner of the Hongkong District, St John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, was announced in the Gazette this morning.

Mr Fung has been acting as Commissioner since the departure of Mr D. W. MacIntosh. For the last two years he has been Assistant Commissioner. He has been connected with the Brigade for over 20 years.

A senior official of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., Mr Fung is also a member of the Urban Council and a Justice of the Peace.

31st Anniversary Celebrated

Mrs Beatrice Church was host last evening to a large and representative gathering of the Colony's business community at the Hongkong Club when she held a cocktail party to celebrate the 31st anniversary of her company, the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, Ltd.

Mr George Sewall, Hongkong representative of the Federation of British Industries, proposed the health of Mrs. Church, the toast being warmly acclaimed.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere, when in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered letters are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
Japan, U.S.A. By Air
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 a.m.
Burma, India, Ceylon, Malaya, 6 a.m.

Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 a.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Ceylon, 6 p.m.

Japan, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 8:30 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 2 p.m.

Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, France, Great Britain & Europe, 2 p.m.
Macao, 3 p.m.
Burma, India, 2 p.m.

Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 5 p.m.
Macao, 3 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Macao, 3 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6.00, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.05, Contact. A Radio Magazine for the Hong Kong Generation with News, Views, Interviews, Songs and Music. Produced by Rosemary Richards (Studio); 8.20, Old Time Ballroom with Sydney Thompson and his Orch. (BBOTB); 8.30, Weather Report; 9.00, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 9.10, Appeal for the Rose Day at the Society of St. Vincent De Paul by the Rev. Father H. W. Gallagher, S. J. (Studio); 9.15, Talking about Hongkong by Dr. G. Davis and Rev. Father T. F. Ryan (Recorded); 9.30, Concert by the Fortitude Artists; Francisco Loureiro Dinis (singer), Vasco Barbosa (violin) and Grazi Barbosa (piano) (Concert Hall); 9.50, "Do you Remember?" in the last of the Ten Programmes celebrating the 21st Anniversary of the B.B.C. Empire Services. Edward Ward introduces recordings of some high spots of Overseas Broadcasting in the years 1933 to 1953 (Record London Relay); 10.00, Music for Romance; 10.10, Music for Romance; 10.20, "Looking Back" presented by the British Council (Studio); 10.30, An Experiment in Progress—An investigation into the Nature of the Primary Cosmic Radiation by G. F. Powell, F.R.S. (BBCTB); 10.35, Boulevard Cafe; 10.45, Record Round-up; 10.55, Weather Report; 11.00, Time Signal; 11.10, Radio News Item (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Class Down.

Let Off With A Caution

"I have a wife and four children to support. Usually I dump the rubbish I have collected into the rubbish vans," said a 47-year-old coolie Wong Wing in mitigation after he pleaded guilty to the charge of dumping rubbish into the harbour without permission before Mr A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning.

"But yesterday," defendant went on, "my two baskets got broken. I didn't want to make the road dirty, therefore."

"Therefore," interrupted the Magistrate, "you make the harbour dirty!"

"It is a very serious offence to dump rubbish into the harbour," Mr Parker continued to say, "but in view of the fact you have been in custody over night, and being in poor circumstances, I convict you and only caution you."

"But if you appear in this court for the similar offence again," warned Mr Parker, "I will take a serious view."

Censors Panel

The Gazette today notified the appointment of the following to be members of the panel of censors: Commr R. S. Barry, RN (Retd); Mrs L. M. Pennell; and Miss Helen Yu.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Can you signal Dad to stop raving about politicians? That's what Wilbur is going to be when he finishes law school!"

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